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Bran Nue Dae for a brand new decade

STARS of the new movie *Bran Nue Dae*, which opens nationally tomorrow (14 January), turned out for the Melbourne premiere on 8 January. They included, from left, Rocky McKenzie, Dan Sultan,

'Missy' Higgins, Tom Hedges and Jessica Mauboy. *Bran Nue Dae* is based on the successful stage play by Broome-born writer Jimmy Chi.

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THE appointment of an Ethics Council to oversee the establishment of a new representative body for Indigenous Australians

marks a major step forward in the organisation's development.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the six-member Council, announced last week, was unique and would ensure the operation of the representative body would be beyond reproach.

"The committee is there to oversee the way the organisation operates and provide mentorship and guidance into the future," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Mr Calma will be on the council, along with Professor Larissa Behrendt, Mr Wesley Enoch, Ms Mary Graham, Ms Nalwarri Ngurruwutthun and Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney. Mr Calma said the Steering Committee, working with the Ethics Council, would now finalise the interim National Executive to lead the organisation through its development phase, due to be finalised this year.

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My FAMILY

VALMAI SMALLWOOD – Townsville



THIS is me (middle, front row) with members of my family at my 25th birthday party on 4 December at Aqua Restaurant in Jupiter's, Townsville.

My late mum Valmai Smallwood (nee Prior) often spoke about how proud she would be to attend my 25th birthday.

But sadly she passed away suddenly in August. Her funeral, at St Teresa's Church in the suburb of Garbutt, was one of the biggest for many years.

The church wasn't big enough to fit them all inside and many stood outside, such was the respect my mother had in the local community.

My father David Smallwood and mum are from two of the biggest Indigenous families in north Queensland, and my late grandfather was the well known Peter Prior.

Since mum passed away, my very close Christian friends and extended family have provided wonderful support to me.

My family organised the special 25th birthday party for me. It was very emotional – it

was just too deadly. A lot of organising went into the party, with Gracelyn Smallwood, Florence Onus, Jenny Wyles, Dorothy Savage and very close cousins all there wishing me well.

I didn't expect this at all and they tried to keep it as a surprise but I managed to find out about it and they had a big birthday cake.

This party is what my dear mother wanted for me, and while she couldn't be there on the night, I could still sense her presence.

Dad was in New Zealand playing pool and couldn't be there and neither could my sisters or brothers due to unexpected circumstances, but as I looked around and saw so many people, it shows just how 'my family' is so wonderful.

I will remember this for the rest of my life, and knowing that I have such a great family is comforting.

As I sat at the party with them all around me, I believe that Mum was up above smiling down on me.

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OUR CHILDREN



NINE-YEAR-OLD Jaxon Mye-Saunders, who attends Tweed Heads Public School in far northern NSW, has been enjoying his school holidays and taking part in the 'Catch 'n' Cook' program, where young Indigenous kids undertake activities including fishing trips. The program is run by Koori Communications and Training in partnership with the Tweed Shire Council and the NSW Police Tweed-Byron Local Area Command. – Photo: MAHALA STROHFELDT

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Here's how this is done, sisters



ROSEALEE PEARSON attracted plenty of students to her Yolngu basket

weaving classes, one of the features at this year's Woodford Folk Festival in south-east Queensland.

A rapt audience of all ages was shown traditional methods of using raffia to create the baskets.

Despite wet weather, thousands of people packed this year's festival, where the First Nations Tent was a popular venue for locals and visitors alike.

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● Photo: MAHALA STROHFELDT

Town camp housing is on the way



THE clean-up of Alice Springs' town camps has re-started and construction of new houses will start next month.

Local workers using heavy machinery have been removing rubbish from the camps while teams of plumbers, electricians, carpenters and architects are on the ground as part of the 'fix and make safe' program.

The clean-up began in December after 16 camp housing associations signed



The Little Sisters town camp, where a clean-up has finished.

40-year leases with the Commonwealth after a failed legal bid from some residents to stop the takeover.

Before a break for the festive

season, prisoners and local workers had collected 49 truckloads of rubbish from seven of the camps, and repairs had been carried out in four camps.

Alice Springs Mayor Damien Ryan said the transformation of the town camps would be a positive for Alice Springs, as well as camp residents.

"I think one of the greatest things that will happen in town this year will be the transformation and the upgrade to the living standards for people who live in the town camps," he said.



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Big night for *Bran Nue Dae*



THE stars turned out on 8 January for the Melbourne premiere of the new movie *Bran Nue Day*.

Based on Jimmy Chi's popular and historic stage play, the movie features a line-up of Indigenous talent.

The Melbourne premiere featured cast members including ARIA award winner Jessica Mauboy, Oscar winner Geoffrey Rush, Magda Szubanski, singer 'Missy' Higgins, Tom Hedge, Rocky McKenzie and Dan Sultan.

They all walked the red carpet, signing autographs and posing for photos with hundreds of excited fans.

The only noticeable absence on the red carpet was actor Ernie Dingo who plays Uncle Tadpole in the film.

Among the celebrities on hand were ex-AFL champion Wayne Carey, singer Mark Holden, Melbourne socialite Lillian Frank and State politician Rob Hulls.

Speaking with *The Koori Mail*, actor Geoffrey Rush said it was great to work with Jessica Mauboy.

"She is a doll and fantastic to work with, and this film has so many big stories to tell about Jimmy Chi's own experiences," he said. "That's why he wrote it,



Indigenous singers and actors Jessica Mauboy and Dan Sultan performing at the Melbourne launch of *Bran Nue Dae*.

because he was from Broome and it's pretty much his story."

Rush also praised co-star Rocky McKenzie, who hails from Broome where the film is set.

Bran Nue Dae Director

Rachel Perkins warmly welcomed the invitation-only audience to the Melbourne premiere.

"We had a dream cast. They were all our first choice and

they were all a brilliant and diverse bunch of people," she said.

The film's stars, Jessica Mauboy and Dan Sultan, performed an acoustic set of a

selection of songs from the *Bran Nue Dae* soundtrack.

● *Bran Nue Dae* opens in cinemas nationally tomorrow (14 January).

— by Kerri-Lee Harding

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Uluru climb to remain



TOURISTS will continue to climb Uluru, with the Federal Government announcing last week that the

drawcard would remain open until its popularity dwindled, or new visitor experiences were developed. About 100,000 people make the ascent each year but the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park board of management last year called for an end to the practice.

National Parks had wanted to close the climb out of respect for the Indigenous owners and safety reasons, but there were also concerns about visitors using the World Heritage-listed rock as a toilet and leaving litter behind.

However, under a new management plan prepared by the board and approved by Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett last Friday, one of three pre-conditions must be met before the climb is shut. These are that the number of people climbing Uluru must drop from

the current 38 per cent of visitors to fewer than 20 per cent; that the attraction of the climb must no longer be the primary reason visitors travel to the monolith; or that a range of new experiences be in place for visitors.

"The key thing here is to deepen and broaden the visitor experience to Uluru," Mr Garrett said. "This is one of our great international icons. It is where

the board's decision to work towards closing the climb only after clear preconditions are met.

In an earlier statement he said: "This decision allows the board to protect visitor safety, to respect the culture and wishes of Uluru's Aboriginal owners and to safeguard the outstanding environment at this World Heritage national park.

"Like the board, I am also very conscious of the need to support tourism and to better integrate local culture with the economy. With these conditions, I believe the plan strikes the right balance."

National Parks Director Peter Cochrane told a Senate estimates hearing last year that the plan to close the climb had been 'revised' after

close attention was paid to tourism industry complaints.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd also opposed the plan to close the climb.

Mr Garrett said independent surveys would measure climber numbers and assess the achievement of the other preconditions. — AAP



Uluru ... No ban on climbing the Rock.

the Indigenous culture, the environment and the desert landscape go hand in hand.

"There's plenty of advice and information from the tourism industry that visitors want a deeper, broader experience and we believe this is the ongoing best path to take at the Rock."

Mr Garrett said he supported

Ethics Council has rep body a step closer

By DARREN COYNE



THE FORMATION of a new representative body for Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people is one step closer with the appointment of six people to an Ethics Council to oversee the process.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the Ethics Council model was unique and would ensure the operation of the representative body would be beyond reproach.

"The group is there to oversee the way the organisation operates and provide mentorship and guidance into the future," Mr Calma told *The Koori Mail*.

"We wanted people of high repute, people who were not necessarily on the national agenda but who were proficient and have a good connection with the grassroots."

Mr Calma will be on the council, along with Professor Larissa Behrendt, Mr Wesley Enoch, Ms Mary Graham, Ms Nalwarri Ngurruwutthun and Professor Lester Irabinna Rigney.

Mr Calma, who chairs the independent Steering Committee that has been guiding development of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, said the council would apply a merit-based process to shortlist candidates for election as members of the National Executive. It also would be responsible for ensuring the ethical conduct of representatives of the organisation, based on recognised principles.

"Appointment of the Ethics Council members takes us one step closer to having a representative voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the first time in five years," he said.

"The Steering Committee has decided that the Ethics Council should be comprised of six Indigenous people of high standing, with one chair, and a gender balance among their members.

"The council will initially serve a two-year term in order to bed down the processes for the new organisation.

"This will mean it is in place for the initial two sessions of the organisation's National Congress.

"The Committee also decided



TOM CALMA



WESLEY ENOCH



LARISSA BEHRENDT



LESTER-IRABINNA RIGNEY



MARY GRAHAM



NALWARRI NGURRUWUTTHUN

there should be continuity for the new organisation in its establishment phase so it could build on the outcomes of the consultations and work of the Steering Committee over the past year.

"One member of the Steering Committee or its Secretariat will sit on the inaugural Ethics Council and one member on the interim National Executive.

"I have been nominated to be the steering committee representative on the Ethics Council."

Mr Calma said the Steering Committee, working with the Ethics Council, would now finalise the interim National Executive to lead the organisation through its development phase in 2010.

He said the Congress should be up and running by the end of the year.

"I anticipate the steering committee will finalise its work by the end of January, by which time I would expect membership of the interim National Executive to have been finalised and for the National Congress to have been incorporated with ASIC."

Ethics Council member profiles

Professor Larissa Behrendt is a Eualeyai/ Kamillaroi woman from NSW. She graduated from Harvard Law School with her Master of Law and Doctorate. She is admitted to the Supreme Court

of the ACT and NSW as a barrister and is Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology, Sydney. Prof Behrendt is a widely published academic and researcher, a publisher of two novels and a director of Bangarra Dance Theatre.

Mr Wesley Enoch is an award-winning theatre director originally from Stradbroke Island in Queensland – Nunukul Nuggi. He works almost exclusively in Indigenous theatre and focuses wholly on cultural and social engagement through story telling. Mr Enoch's experience in directing, writing, script development, acting and dancing spans two decades.

Ms Nalwarri Ngurruwutthun is a senior cultural education advisor and an advocate for bilingual education. Her experience in teaching, curriculum development, bilingual education and school management spans over three decades. Ms Ngurruwutthun's clan is Munyuku and her homeland is Rurrangala in Arnhem Land. She is also a member of the Northern Territory Indigenous Education Council. She carries on the vision of her Elders continuing to deliver quality culturally appropriate bilingual education to young people in Yirrkala/ Laynhapuy Homelands School.

Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney is a senior academic with more than 15 years' experience teaching in universities and schools. He is descendant of the Narungga, Kurna and Ngarrindjeri Nations.

He is well published and is internationally recognised for his work in Indigenous education and research methodologies.

He has worked with Indigenous peoples on education across the Pacific in Taiwan, Canada and New Zealand.

Ms Mary Graham is a Kombu-merri person on her father's side and is also affiliated with the Waka Waka group through her mother, both groups in Queensland.

She has lectured and tutored on subjects in Aboriginal history, politics, and comparative philosophy at the University of Queensland and at other educational institutions around the country.

Mr Tom Calma is an Aboriginal Elder from the Kungarakana tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja tribal group whose traditional lands are south west of Darwin and on the Coburg Peninsula in Northern Territory, respectively.

He has been involved in Indigenous affairs at all levels for over 35 years, including the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner since 12 July 2004.

New Year's resolutions

As we do every year, *The Koori Mail* asked Indigenous Australians around the nation for their 2010 New Year's resolutions. They start here and continue until page 12.



TAMARA TAYLOR – Adelaide: I'm looking forward to becoming a mum. The baby's due in May, but hopefully not on my own birthday (26 May).



SEALÍN GARLETT – Perth: I want to say that milestones have been achieved by Aboriginal people across Australia, and it's true that the strength we have is how we relate to each other.



VANESSA MANSELL – Launceston, Tas: To slow down drinking, get my health back together and do up my home.



ROBERT FALDON – Melbourne: To be a better person in as many ways as possible.

New Year's resolutions



FREDA PICKLES – Cloncurry, Qld: (She turned 80 on 1 January this year) I just want to be healthy in 2010 and continue to lead a good life.



REGGIE DIXON Jr – Robinson River (near Borroloola), NT: I haven't been well, so my resolution is to get better so I can spend more time at home.



RIEO ELLIS – Melbourne: My resolution is very simple – To be fit and happy.



DAMION SMITH – Hobart, Tas: Like many other people, I want to give up smoking.

Tasmanians pledge to fight over road work

Photo and report by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people have met with Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett in a bid to end what the Government has called a stalemate over a major road construction. But while both parties said they were pleased with the meeting, a deal is yet to be reached.

Tensions escalated late last year when heavy machinery started work on the \$243 million Brighton Bypass project, near an Aboriginal heritage site.

More than 40 Aboriginal people have been arrested for trespass at the site, a statewide ban on Aboriginal heritage surveys has been issued and protesters have turned up at the Premier's public events demanding a meeting with him.

Aboriginal rights campaigner Michael Mansell, Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council Manager Fiona Newson and Aboriginal heritage officer Aaron Everett met with Mr Bartlett last week.

The 11th-hour meeting was initially called off when the Premier said he would meet with only three people, and a protest was planned.

However those who gathered to protest selected three delegates and the meeting went ahead.

Mr Mansell, who is Legal Director of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, said the delegation made it very clear to the Premier that the Federal Government does have heritage powers.

"The Premier obviously has got wind of our potential for legal action," he said.

"If we can resolve it at the Tasmanian level



Michael Mansell reports on the meeting with the Premier to the awaiting Aboriginal community members and media. On the left are Fiona Newson and Aaron Everett.

with the Tasmanian Government, there is no need for us to look to third parties."

In a press statement following the meeting, the Premier said he would not allow the bypass to be delayed and would not allow work on already-approved sections of the road to halt.

"This project needs to go ahead and I will not leave 250 workers standing around without incomes for their families while we revisit sections of the project that already have approvals," he said. "That will not

happen on my watch and Mr Mansell understands this."

The Premier said he would consider a 'reasonable' compromise.

Mr Mansell said further protest action could not be ruled out.

"We are hoping that there is a sensible resolution of the dispute but in the absence of that, the Aboriginal community's not going to walk away and say you just go ahead and destroy our heritage and we'll all go home," he said.

WA agreement is 'a breakthrough'



AN historic agreement to resolve a decade-long land dispute covering Perth and the south-west of Western Australia

has been signed between the State Government and the Nyoongar people. The agreement is aimed at resolving the Nyoongar native title claims over Perth and the south-west of WA by negotiation rather than by legal action.

Under the new deal, the Government will negotiate another form of land ownership recognition, such as an Indigenous Land Use Agreement, along with a range of benefits such as health and education programs.

It could also require government departments to operate national parks in partnership with Aboriginal people, and create training and job opportunities.

No alternative native title settlement of the type proposed has been achieved in Australia.

SWALSC Chief Executive Glen Kelly signed on behalf of the Nyoongar people, and MP Michael



Nyoongar people outside Parliament House in Perth following the signing of the agreement.

Mischin, representing Attorney-General Christian Porter, signed on behalf of the WA Government.

The framework agreement, which details the scope of negotiations, was signed at Parliament House in front of the directors of the land council, which includes Nyoongar Elders.

SWALSC is the native title representative body that represents Nyoongar people in their native title claims.

The decision by the Government to agree to negotiate the various native title claims was seen as a huge breakthrough by the traditional owners.

They have had their quest for recognition of native title frustrated by more than 12 years of slow and costly battles in the Federal Court.

Mr Kelly said the signing of the agreement was an historic milestone in the long march towards reconciliation for

Nyoongars. He said it was to the credit of WA Premier Colin Barnett and the State Government that they had brought to a halt 'the incredible waste of resources and public money that occurs when these claims are fought out in the courts rather than negotiated in good faith directly between the parties'.

"While it would be premature to assume the negotiations would resolve all the various aspects of the native title claims, the State Government's decision to cease litigation in the Federal Court will be welcomed right across Nyoongar country," he said.

SWALC negotiations manager Bill Lawrie said the talks would begin soon and were expected to take up to two years.

"The process is to explore whether we can exchange complicated, complex native title rights for another form of recognition and an agreement package which acknowledges the past and serves the future," he said. He said it was too early to say how much a settlement package could cost.

Pressure on SA over dialysis

By DARREN COYNE



A 'WHITEFELLA BORDER' is stopping Aboriginal people living in remote parts of South Australia from accessing dialysis in the Northern Territory town of Alice Springs – the closest centre offering the

life-saving treatment.

Anangu man Colin Brown, from Ernabella, in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, has called on Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to intervene.

His appeal, which he has also made to Indigenous Health Minister and NT Federal MP Warren Snowdon, followed reports before Christmas that NT Health was denying new patients from Western Australia and SA access to dialysis at Alice Springs – by far the nearest service available.

Those reports prompted State and Territory Health Ministers to meet, with an agreement reached between WA and NT. But the SA Minister refused to sign up to the deal, saying services were available in Adelaide and Port Augusta.

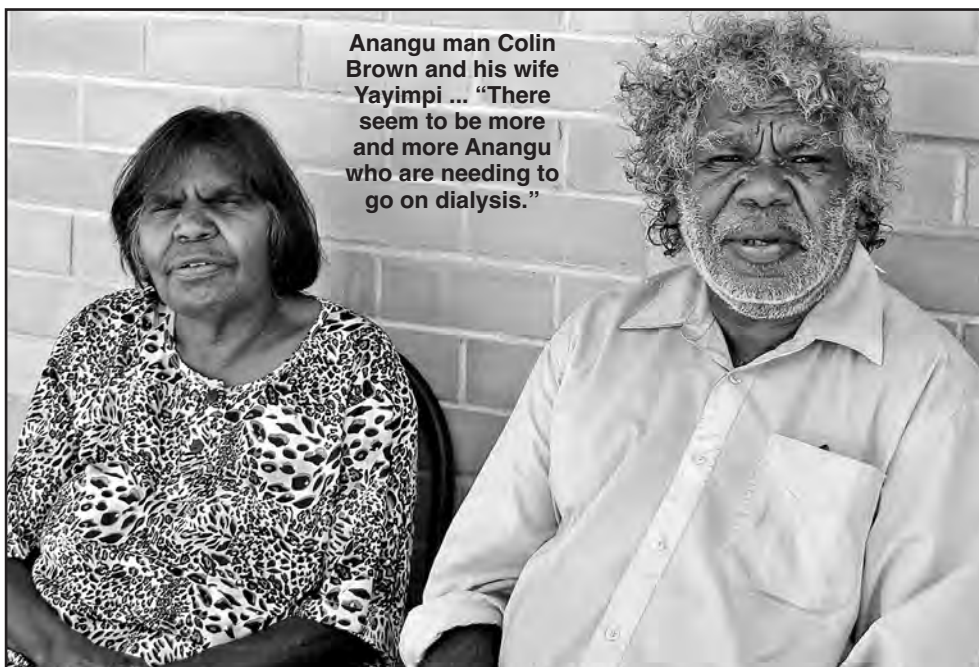
Mr Brown said the decision to ban new South Australian patients from using dialysis facilities in Alice Springs meant he and his wife Yayimpi, who had started dialysis, must live in Adelaide while she was being treated.

He wants to see dialysis facilities established on the APY lands so that Aboriginal people do not have to leave their country, family and friends.

"I believe the best thing would be for a renal unit to be located in the APY Lands, maybe at Umuwa or else at the old folks' home in Ernabella," he said.

"There seem to be more and more Anangu who are needing to go on dialysis. If we had a renal unit in the APY Lands, people could still live in their communities and on their country and have dialysis.

"Families would not have to move a long way away from their own places. Maybe to start off on dialysis they would still have to go to Alice Springs or Adelaide, but then they could come home and have dialysis in the APY Lands.



Anangu man Colin Brown and his wife Yayimpi ... "There seem to be more and more Anangu who are needing to go on dialysis."

"If we had a renal unit in the APY Lands, it would help the Alice Springs and Adelaide hospitals because they would not have so many people needing their machines.

"Some Anangu who are living on dialysis in Adelaide and Alice Springs would be able to go home. This would free up not only dialysis machines, but also houses and other services in those places."

Mr Brown said patients in Adelaide were unable to take part in cultural duties such as sorry business because they were living too far away.

Congregation

Uniting Church minister Dean Whittaker said a number of his congregation were from the APY lands, and were in Adelaide for dialysis.

He said it was common for people moving to Adelaide for treatment to be accompanied by other members of their family.

"You don't end up with one person, you end up with a significant family, and each time they've come down with inadequate arrangements in place," Mr Whittaker said.

"They are told to apply for SA housing,

but the waiting list can be up to two years."

Mr Whittaker urged the SA Government to revisit the issue of dialysis patients from the APY, and consider providing facilities on the lands.

Sarah Brown, the manager of Purple House, a dialysis centre run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjakt Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, accused the SA Government of ignoring Aboriginal people in the APY lands.

"The SA Government is always banging on about providing services close to home but it seems that's for everybody except blackfellas," she said.

A spokeswoman for SA Health Minister John Hill said that while treatment options were always under review, services in Adelaide and Port Augusta were being improved to cope with increasing numbers of people requiring dialysis.

She said it was not as simple as just putting dialysis machines on the APY Lands as they required specialist staff, and also many end-stage renal patients often had other complex health needs.

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Top artist is a happy man



Patrick Tjungurai ... "This is what we needed. Many people I know are happy. I am."



RENOWNED artist Patrick Tjungurai is a happy man. The award-winning painter is back in his community of Kiwirrkurra, in the far east of Western Australia, after leading a campaign that has saved his life and that of many of his own mob.

Mr Tjungurai was the very visible face of the push to allow cross-border patients to continue to access vital renal dialysis services at the Alice Springs Hospital.

Last year, the Northern Territory Government had moved to limit the use of its dialysis services, which are required by many Indigenous people, to

residents living within its own borders.

That would have been disastrous for dozens of patients from just over the border in WA – Mr Tjungurai included – who relied on Alice Springs dialysis services.

An angry and perplexed Mr Tjungurai had vowed to stay and die on his own country rather than go to Perth, which he would have been forced to do.

His stance, and that of his supporters, was instrumental in the WA and NT Health Ministers reaching a deal allowing WA patients to continue using services in Alice Springs.

Speaking just before heading back to Kiwirrkurra, Mr Tjungurrayi had nothing but praise for the decision.

"It's good," he told *The Koori Mail* from the Sid Ross Aboriginal Hostel in Alice Springs.

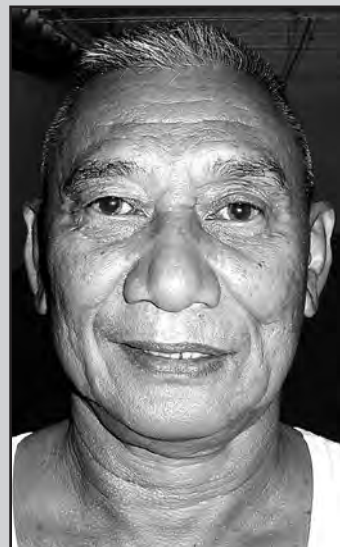
"This is what we needed. Many people I know are happy. I am."

So is Sarah Brown, who manages the Purple House, a dialysis centre run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjakt Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation.

"Patrick, and others, can now go back to their communities in WA knowing they can return here for treatment," she said.

"Many people already needing dialysis, and many others who will need it in coming years, will be far better off because of this wise and compassionate decision by the governments."

New Year's resolutions



JAP ADAMS – Adelaide, SA: "My resolution is simple – to live life to the fullest."



ROSELLA TOBY – Saibai Island, Torres Strait: "I hope to get a job in the public service and to have a healthy year."



TRACY UPKETT – Mackay, Qld, but living in Darwin: "I'm resolving to quit the smokes, but I also want to see our kids going to school and having good lives."



MIRANDA AMBRYM – Palm Island, Qld: "I hope to give up smoking and gambling and live a healthier life."

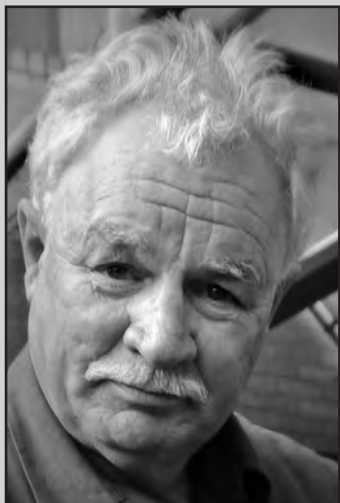
New Year's resolutions



ADAM HILL – Sydney: To become more outspoken, believing in what is right and not white.



SUSAN HEDGES – Melbourne: I want to enjoy watching my children growing up.



MICHAEL MANSELL – Launceston, Tas: That we get organised enough nationally to rid ourselves of the paralysing sense of futility caused by ministers and ministerial-backed Aborigines obtuse enough to be a menace but not stupid enough to be harmless.



DENNIS SIMMONDS – Perth: I just want to say Happy New Year to all our people and I wish for our people to come together as one.

Healing group board named



Members of the inaugural Healing Foundation board include Graham Gee, Judy Atkinson, Debra Hocking (Deputy Chairperson), Florence Onus (Chairperson), Toni Janke-Demmery, Noeleen Lopes, and John Roe (Chief Executive Officer).



BOARD members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation have been named.

The Foundation follows the national apology in 2008 by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to members of the Stolen Generations.

It will address trauma and healing in Indigenous communities, using Federal funding of \$26.6 million over four years.

Chief Executive Officer John Roe told *The Koori Mail* that an official launch date for the Foundation would soon be announced.

The members of the inaugural board are Graham Gee, Judy Atkinson, Debra Hocking (Deputy Chairperson), Florence Onus (Chairperson), Toni Janke-Demmery, Noeleen Lopes and Mr Roe.

Once operational, the Foundation will provide Indigenous people with support to help overcome the cycle of trauma and grief arising from forced removals and the impact of past government policies.

The Foundation arose from consultations last year with Indigenous communities around Australia.

Chairperson Florence Onus said it would provide culturally appropriate healing services.

"While the apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples and its acknowledgement of the legacy of colonisation, forced removals and

'The inaugural Board of Directors are committed to assist in the healing of our people – Florence Onus

other past government policies was an important first step on the road to healing, it must now be followed by concrete policy responses," she said.

"This includes the provision of culturally appropriate healing services to assist

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to begin the process of recovering from trans-generational trauma.

"The inaugural Board of Directors are committed to assist in the healing of our people."

The Foundation will have three main roles.

- Supporting grassroots healing initiatives by providing funding and workforce development

- Health promotion, education and training in the prevention and treatment of trauma

- Evaluating and documenting best practice in healing.

Mr Roe said the overwhelming preference of participants was for the Foundation to operate independently of government, with a goal to become self-sustaining through partnerships with philanthropic organisations, universities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and other bodies.

He said the board would meet in Alice Springs early next month.

NSW families program to expand



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney says a program helping Aboriginal families

in crisis has been allocated \$15 million over five years to expand to four new locations.

Ms Burney said Intensive Family Based Services (IFBS) was a successful program already operating in Casino, Redfern,

Dapto, Bourke, Campbelltown and Mt Druitt, and the four new locations would be determined following community consultations.

"IFBS provides an intensive, home-based program for Aboriginal families whose children are either at risk of, or have been placed in out-of-home care and are to be restored to their families," she said.

"It's a very sad fact that Aboriginal children and young people are over-represented in the child protection system – they currently make up 32.1 per cent of those in care."

Ms Burney said IFBS worked with families to improve their life skills, parenting capacities, coping and problem-solving abilities. It also helped families to link up with appropriate community and

service supports during and after the program.

"IFBS is staffed by Aboriginal caseworkers who are available to families 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Ms Burney said.

"Key to its success is its family group conferencing approach to engage families in decision-making and to comply with the Aboriginal self-determination and participation principles."

High notes at Big Fella



Sistergirls Elizabeth and Eva Jo Edwards having fun at the festival in Falls Creek.



MORE than 1000 people attended the Big Fella Festival held on 2 January at Falls Creek, on top of the Victorian Alps.

Music buffs and community members alike came from across Victoria to enjoy the wide range of Indigenous music and culture on offer.

The event, now in its second year, is the result of a partnership between the Dhudhuroa and Way Wurru Native Title Group and Falls Creek Resort Management. It aims to showcase local

traditional owner culture and generate revenue for local Koorie businesses.

Festival Producer Luke Murray says he is excited about the festival's success. "The event has grown substantially from last year, and the appearance this year of the Koorie Night Markets has helped it evolve," he said.

Music acts included Ruby Hunter, The Grenadines, Deline Briscoe, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Archie Roach, Amos Roach and local non-Indigenous act Nicky Bomba.

Mr Murray said the event helped to raise the profile of the

Aboriginal clans of north-east Victoria.

"Aunty Diana Murray conducted the welcome to country on behalf of traditional owners and the diverse cultural feast of music, song and dance was led by Djida Gupilil-Murray and Andrew Travis," he said.

"We hope to expand next year's line-up to include an all-new 'Big Fella Band'.

"It's really important we build on our current cultural activities to incorporate some more colour to the mountain-top site and hopefully we will set out to break a world record, so stay tuned." – Kerri-Lee Harding



Archie Roach and son Amos play alongside Dave Arden at the Big Fella Festival in Falls Creek. Photos Luke Murray

Political party idea supported

By KEN BOASE



A MEETING of nearly 40 people in Western Australia has strongly supported the notion of an Aboriginal political party proposed by Koori former public servant Les Ridgeway.

The meeting, held at the Aboriginal Legal Service just before Christmas, agreed with national proposals for a three-tiered membership involving youth and Elders as associates, and fully paid members.

In an article in *The Koori Mail* late last year, Mr Ridgeway said there was a need to form a political party to have a greater impact on political outcomes for Indigenous Australians and to provide a grassroots voice of self-determination.

Leading the West Australian arm of the party is Yamatji man Phil Moncrieff, who told *The Koori Mail* support for the party was strong and growing after the December meeting.

"For too long Aboriginal people have been merely the recipients of service provision from government agencies that make decisions without proper consultation, so this new party is the best way to get our power back," he said.



PHIL MONCRIEFF

"Most of the power in general society is in politics and Indigenous people have become very much a politicised people, even though we were a very spiritual people before colonisation."

Mr Moncrieff said the Aboriginal Political Party – the name is a working title at this stage

– would be nationally based and target Senate seats at the coming Federal election, although there was a possibility of also fielding candidates for Lower House seats.

"The APP is designing itself to be attractive to other Australians so it's not going to have an exclusively Indigenous power base, and people are looking for a new and fresh player on the political stage," he said.

"We've set up a national headquarters in Adelaide and I was very encouraged by the Perth meeting in December because nearly 40 people showed up and that was a good number for such short notice just before Christmas, and there was a lot of energy at that meeting. We're not expecting anything flash the first time around, but we're a rapidly growing population and we also have to attract non-Aboriginal supporters."

Mr Moncrieff said party officials were willing to discuss preference deals with the Greens and Democrats, but would not contemplate preference swaps with the Liberal or Labor parties.

The new party is planning to distribute an 'Australia Change' calendar in all states in the next few weeks and the official name for the party will be announced soon.

New Year's resolutions



SONIA BROWN – Hobart: To say goodbye to Tassie (for a while) and head west to be with my children, grandchildren and very patient and gorgeous partner (Martu man Robert Somerville).



JOE WILLIAMS – Sydney: My resolution is simple – to find my way in all that I do.



FLORRIE KING-SMITH – Weipa, Qld: I'm aiming to continue trying to carry out my 2009 New Year's resolutions!



SHIRLEY FURBER – Alice Springs, NT: No big resolutions for me. I want to go on a good holiday, stay healthy and get fit.

New Year's resolutions



JULIETTE MCGORM – Darwin, NT: I'm resolving to stay healthy and happy throughout the year. And I want that for my three kids, as well.



JAMES HENRY – Melbourne: To manage my time better so I'm not looking forward to my next holidays so much.



BRONWYN BANCROFT – Sydney: To save Boomalli Artists' Co-operative from closure, and make it a new and invigorating place.



KATHLEEN CAMPBELL – Alice Springs, NT: I'm going to quit smoking. Honest. At least I aim to. That was my resolution last year, as well. I also want to spend more time with family and friends.

Taronga Zoo program for youth heading to Dubbo



A TARONGA Zoo program designed to help Indigenous and other youth is to be expanded to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney said the Burbangana program, which meant 'take hold of my hand' in the Dharug language, was a joint initiative between Taronga Conservation Society Australia and Community Services' Metro Intensive Support Services (ISS).

"Established in 2007, Burbangana is specially tailored to the needs of Aboriginal children by connecting Aboriginal culture to relevant and enjoyable hands-on learning experiences at Taronga Zoo in Sydney," the Minister said.

"It is helping some of our most vulnerable young people aged 12 to 17 acquire a range of crucial skills.

"This program provides individual mentoring to young participants, who get to visit the zoo one day a week for three to six months and go behind the scenes to take part in the care of animals."

As part of the program, participants accompany Zoo Mobile educators on visits to community events and eight schools in the metropolitan area.

Community Services' Intensive Support Services' Andrew Schacht said eight children – six of them Aboriginal



Minister Linda Burney and Yulara, a participant in the Burbangana program, together with a prickly friend at Taronga Zoo.

– had completed Burbangana.

"The program has had great success developing young people's esteem and confidence," he said.

Sixteen-year-old Yulara is one young person who took

part in the program. She joined the Burbangana Zoo program in October last year. Since then, she says she's learnt how to care for animals and has had hands-on experience caring for some of the zoo's native

animals. She has also been learning how to handle snakes and reptiles.

Yulara says the program has encouraged her to apply her photography skills to create portraits of zoo animals.

Cape welfare plan expands



VOLUNTARY income management has been expanded across the four Cape York Welfare Reform communities.

Currently, 110 people are on conditional income management in Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge as part of a joint partnership between the Queensland and Australian governments, and the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and her Queensland counterpart Desley Boyle said income management was helping to ensure welfare payments were spent in the interests of children.

"Voluntary income management has been introduced to Cape York for aged pension and carer recipients in response to people asking for assistance with managing their money," Ms Macklin said.



JENNY MACKLIN

"We are committed to progressively reforming the welfare and family payment system to fight passive welfare and foster personal responsibility.

"The Australian and Queensland governments are working with the four Cape York communities to rebuild social norms, and promote personal responsibility."

The fifth quarterly Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) report was tabled last month in the Queensland Parliament.

Ms Boyle said action has been taken to address issues identified in the report in the areas of staff vacancies, gaps in some services and reporting and training.

"Local commissioners are continuing to develop as trusted authority figures who are guiding action on the ground to bring about real change," she said.

"As part of this effort, the FRC will be delivering training to the local commissioners in 2010 as recommended in the report. The training will include mediation, advocacy and computer literacy and it will help build on their capacity to manage positive change."

Palm Island the venue for inquest

A REOPENED inquest into the death of Aboriginal man Mulrunji Doomadgee will start in March on Palm Island, north Queensland.

Mr Doomadgee died in custody at Palm Island police station in far north Queensland five years ago after being arrested for being drunk and causing a nuisance.

A new coroner has been appointed to re-examine evidence relating to his death and whether Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley was responsible.

The inquest dates were confirmed at a pre-inquest hearing in Brisbane Magistrates Court late last month.

Deputy Chief Magistrate Brian Hine set another pre-inquest hearing in Brisbane for February, with the inquest to start on 8 March at Palm Island, and to continue in Townsville. – AAP

Partnership powering River People's future

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ON the red earth country of Murra Murra, south-east of Cunnamulla, Kooma traditional owners are creating a

blueprint for sustainable living they hope will serve local Aboriginal people for generations to come.

The traditional 'river people' — they live where small rivers feed into the Murray Darling system — have joined with Engineers without Borders (EWB), a group working with disadvantaged communities to develop sustainable engineering projects.

A partnership agreement between the two in 2008 followed two successful projects.

The first was a waste management plan at Murra Murra. Then came a solar energy system, the result of an energy audit of the Murra Murra and Bendee Downs properties. They had been acquired by the Indigenous Land Corporation in 1999 for the cultural benefit of Kooma people. EWB identified a solar energy system as the best environmentally sustainable option, and with a \$145,000 donation by Virgin Blue, a panel was installed last year.



Kooma people David Carline, Sarah Glenbar, Cheryl Buchanan, Billy Hooper and Tiger Speedy at Bendee Downs' 10kW solar power generator.

Chairwoman Cheryl Buchanan says the partnership has been positive for the community and forged important relationships.

"The partnership is all about two-way learning between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. That's why it's been so successful. Working together,

everyone ended up with a smile on their faces. It's the family blackfella way of doing business," she said.

"The project gives people the opportunity to work with remote isolated communities and hear our stories first-hand. It's a relationship that's built on trust, commitment and integrity."

Ms Buchanan said the projects were also creating training opportunities for the young people of the area, who were learning important work about taking care of country.

"We are protecting something that's been here for thousands of years," she said.

New Year's resolutions



RUTH MULA — Mililingimbi, NT: I'm a renal dialysis patient and I have to live in Darwin for treatment. I want to get well enough so I can go home to see my children and grandchildren.



DENNIS FISHER — Melbourne: I'm hoping that more people understand, respect and love each other.



VERLE WILLIAMS — Adelaide: My resolution is to keep my job! And I wish all the best for our kids, too.



ELSIE SERIAT — Thursday Island: I want to get my fitness program up and running, stay fit and active, eat right, and be a role model in my community.

Compo payment inquiry is urged

By KEN BOASE



THE Stolen Generation Alliance (SGA) has called for an urgent national inquiry into compensation payments made by governments to individuals or groups who have suffered

because of government policies or actions.

SGA National Chair Jim Morrison said the issue of inequities in compensation payments was highlighted in a recent newspaper article by Vince McMahon, the former head of of border security with the Department of Immigration during the Howard Government years.

Mr Morrison said that while Stolen Generations members fought for compensation of just a few thousand dollars, far greater amounts had been paid in compensation to wrongfully detained Queensland woman Cornelia Rau as well as in other high-profile cases involving non-Indigenous people.

"I've been saying this for some months now and I've developed a DVD about the injustice of all of these compensation payments amounting to millions and yet they give us a pittance in relation to redress in Queensland and WA," Mr Morrison said.

"We had 10,000 people apply for redress in



JIM MORRISON

WA and 5000 of them were Aboriginal and all of these people are dying before they're even acknowledged that they've put in a submission and then they're offered \$5000 if they do die.

"Where is the equity when you think of these sorts of compensations?"

"Nobody can begrudge the compensation that's been paid to Cornelia Rau and others, but there's got to be some form of equity because the atrocities that were inflicted on the Aboriginal community for generations need to be recognised."

Mr Morrison said the national apology to the Stolen Generations in February 2008 was welcome, but would be meaningless unless there was adequate compensation for past wrongs.

WA Greens Senator Rachel Siewert has supported calls for a Senate inquiry into compensation issues, including State-based redress schemes as well as other compensation payments and the general issue of natural justice.

"The failure of Australian governments to properly compensate those scarred and disadvantaged by the practices of past governments remains a stain on the soul of our nation," she said.

"It's time we had a Senate inquiry into compensation payments, redress and natural justice."

But Senator Siewert expressed doubt over whether the call for an inquiry would be successful given her Stolen Generations Reparations Bill had been ignored by the Senate since it was introduced two years ago.

New Year's resolutions



ELMA TUNGUTALUM – Bathurst Island, NT: I'm a single mum with four kids, so I want to get a home for us in Darwin. And the good news is it's looking like I will!



ARTHUR LITTLE – Sydney: I want to broaden my skills.



SAMELIA MILLER – Townsville, Qld: My resolution is to have a good 2010 in Grade 11 at school in Townsville as I want to achieve my long-term goal of becoming a nurse.



BEN WYATT – Perth: I wish all the best to *Koori Mail* readers for 2010.

Tas workshops focus on healing services

By JILLIAN MUNDY



INDIGENOUS people have gathered in Tasmania to address a shortage of

Aboriginal-specific healing services in the State.

Healing was considered in its broader definition – cultural, spiritual, emotional and physical.

Practitioners from around the country showcased Aboriginal-specific programs, and their suitability for Tasmania was discussed at workshops in Hobart and Launceston.

Shep Thorp, Manager of Tasmania's Office of Aboriginal Affairs and a member of the steering committee charged with progressing an Aboriginal healing program for the State,

said the initial workshops were pleasing.

She said the committee and the community were impressed with what was being offered around the country, and visiting presenters were likewise impressed with what was currently on offer in Tasmania.

"Often there is funding for pilot schemes and one-offs, but there's not that follow-up support," Ms Thorpe said.

Preferred

She said a variety of preferred programs now would be put to the test and evaluated, with the intention of seeking funding for the Aboriginal community to run one or more on an ongoing basis.

"We (government) don't want to be running a healing service. Our role is to support the community in doing that," Ms Thorpe said.

Tasmania currently has some Aboriginal-specific healing and well-being programs run by Aboriginal organisations, community groups and State bodies.

Ms Thorpe said there was a focus on men's services, and additional healing services for youth were also identified as a priority. And amongst the most frequently repeated suggestions were healing programs focusing on drugs, alcohol and family violence.

June Sculthorpe, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Health Service, said a family violence program had been on offer until Federal funding was cut. She said Aboriginal health workers, nurses, counsellors and doctors supported home and community based rehabilitation and relapse prevention from substance abuse.



Participants at one of the Aboriginal-specific healing services workshops held in Tasmania.

Commission job to Gooda



ABORIGINAL health professional Mick Gooda has been appointed to the Australian Human Rights Commission as the Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

He will replace outgoing Commissioner Tom Calma in February.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland made the announcement prior to Christmas, saying Mr Gooda had demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the lives of Indigenous Australians.

Mr Gooda is a descendant of the Gangulu people of central Queensland and has 25 years experience working across Australia on Indigenous issues in the public and community sectors.

He is currently the CEO of the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and is a board member of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health Queensland.

He was also previously a member of the West Australian Premier's Advisory Council on Racial Discrimination and a former ATSIC chief executive.

"I would also like to acknowledge the good work of the outgoing Social Justice Commissioner, Mr Tom Calma, who has served in the position since 2004," Mr McClelland said.

"Mr Calma has achieved many positive outcomes in his time with the Commission advocating for the rights of Indigenous Australians."

Mr Gooda is a board member of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental.



MICK GOODA

Report rejects wage claims



A VICTORIAN Government report has rejected claims that

Aborigines' wages were siphoned into trust funds despite confirming their money was historically controlled by the State.

But the question of compensation remains open.

The long-awaited research into stolen wages identifies that money earned by Aboriginal workers on the State-run Lake Tyers Reserve in Gippsland from 1916 to the 1960s was withheld as punishment. It also acknowledges that wages and employment contracts of Aboriginal workers were controlled by the State's Board for the Protection of Aborigines under legislation from 1869 until the 1960s.

Evidence from those archives reveals at least 30 references to withholding wages as a disciplinary measure, where men had been absent without leave or had absconded.

No audit

It also confirms there was no independent audit of government accounts held at Lake Tyers between 1916 and 1962.

But the report, ordered following a 2006 Senate inquiry into stolen wages, did not find evidence of a systemic policy to deprive Aboriginal people under the control of the Board of their earnings.

It recommends that no further research be conducted into individual cases and notes that many State records are incomplete and without indexes.

The findings sit at odds with trust fund repayment schemes established in Queensland and NSW.

In Queensland, the Government has been distributing \$55.6 million in payments to Indigenous workers since 2002, while all claims in NSW are now capped at \$11,000.

The scope of the Victorian report is limited only to workers at the Lake Tyers from 1916.

Monash University academic Dr Andrew Gunstone expressed disappointment that the report had only looked at Aborigines from 1916 onwards.

Wampan Wages (Victorian Stolen Wages Working Group) committee member Adam Frogley said community consultation with Elders should have formed a fundamental plank of the report. He said the sole focus on Lake Tyers excluded the experiences of other Indigenous people who had worked on missions across Victoria, including Framlingham, in Warrnambool, and Coranderrk, near Healesville.

Bureaucrat named to close the gap in Qld



INDIGENOUS bureaucrat Ron Weatherall will head Queensland Government efforts to close the gap of disadvantage between Indigenous people and the wider community. Mr Weatherall has been named Queensland's Deputy Director-General of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services.

State Indigenous Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said Mr Weatherall, a Kamilaroi man, would lead work in key policy areas such as reconciliation and closing the gap. "As an Indigenous man with broad experience in a range of senior executive roles in government, Mr Weatherall is well placed to take Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Services forward," she said.

Mr Weatherall was the State Government's regional director of employment and Indigenous initiatives for the Central Queensland and Wide Bay region and is a member of the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee, the Kamilaroi Traditional Owner Group and founding chairman of the Central Queensland Domestic Violence Service in Rockhampton. — AAP

Vic Indigenous Bay culture celebrated



ANOTHER large program is now under way for the Yalukit Willan Ngargee People Place Gathering Festival being held in Melbourne.

Organised each year as part of the St Kilda Festival, the gathering features several events and continues until 9 February.

A highlight is the main festival music day at O'Donnell Gardens on the St Kilda beachfront. This year it's on 6 February, starting at noon.

Other highlights include an art display, dance, a book launch and more.

For full details, go to the website www.stkildafestival.com/yalukitwillamngargee

'Most sacred tree' felled for highway



A TREE considered sacred by Aboriginal people on the NSW mid-north coast has been felled after a climber was plucked from its canopy and other protesters

were cleared away. The so-named Guardian Tree at Bulahdelah was cut down late last year as work proceeded on the Pacific Highway Bulahdelah bypass project.

The Indigenous Justice Advocacy Network said workers with chainsaws, backed by police, cut down the 25m-high old-growth Sydney peppermint tree. Aboriginal local Worimi Dates described the tree as 'the most sacred site of the Worimi nation'.

CLC slams Senate committee inquiry



THE Central Land Council says a recent Senate Committee inquiry into the relationship between it and Aboriginal investment company Centrecorp was 'a complete waste of taxpayers' money and a disgraceful abuse of Senate

procedures'. CLC Director David Ross said the report concluded there was no indication of the existence of an improper relationship between the CLC and Centrecorp and the entire process was a 'thinly veiled attempt to discredit the CLC'.

He said the primary conclusion of the report said: '...the committee did not find any evidence of impropriety in the operation or management of either organisation, nor in the relationship between the organisations'.

Health services to expand after deal



A LAND release deal will allow expansion of the Wirraka Maya Health Services at South Hedland, in the West Australian Pilbara region. An additional 3400 sq m of land has been made available for expansion of the service, with a

further 3187 sq m to be provided for future needs. The extra land means a designated Indigenous health campus to support the Pilbara region can now be built.

Wirraka Maya offers a range of programs, including child and maternal services and ear and eye health.

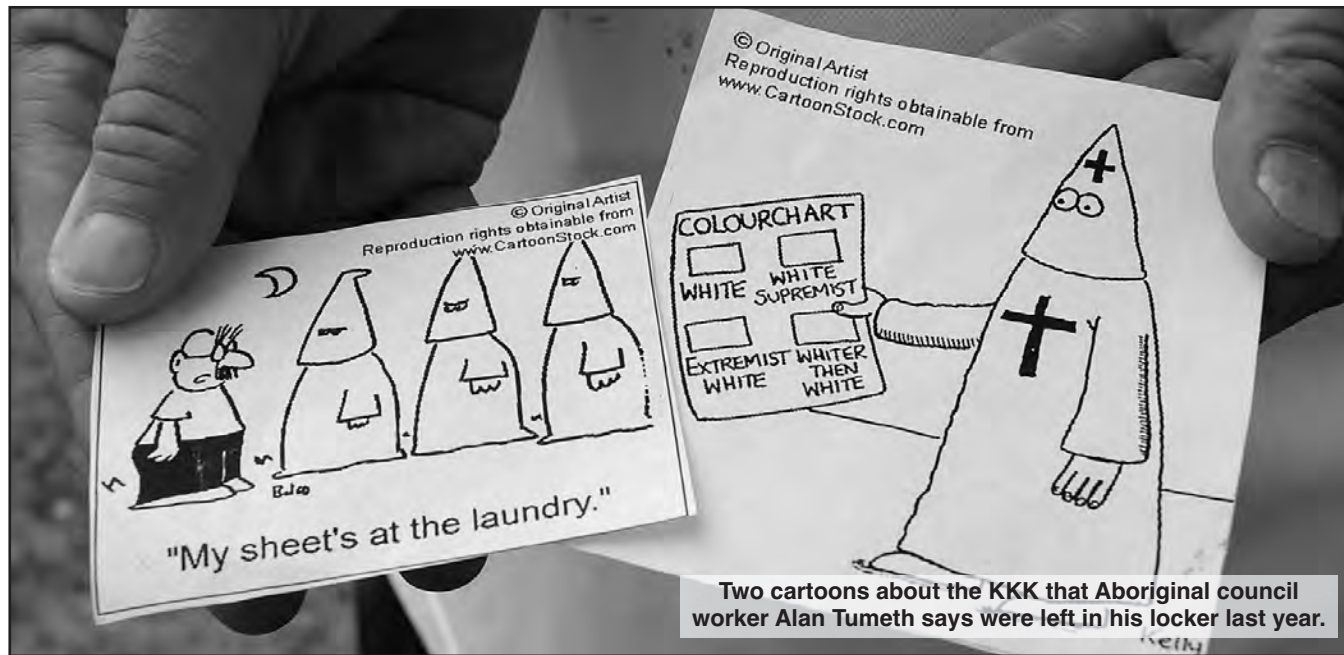
Prosecutions over Malu Sara deaths



FEDERAL workplace safety regulator Comcare will prosecute the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and a boat manufacturer over the deaths of five people on board the immigration vessel *Malu Sara* in

the Torres Strait in 2005. Last February, a coronial inquest found the five — two DIAC employees, two passengers and a child — died in the waters of the Torres Strait on or between 15 and 20 October 2005, when the *Malu Sara* went missing. Comcare Chief Executive Paul O'Connor said the prosecution would be under Federal workplace safety laws.

Council faces legal action



Two cartoons about the KKK that Aboriginal council worker Alan Tumeth says were left in his locker last year.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A COUNCIL worker in Queensland says he'll take legal action against his employer

unless it puts a stop to what he says is ongoing racial bullying in his workplace.

Wiradjuri father-of-four Alan Tumeth has worked for the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) for 23 years but says the past four have been a nightmare for him because of abuse from several co-workers. The concreter said most of his colleagues at the Council's Helensvale depot, south of Brisbane, were 'good blokes' but one or two had repeatedly told him and other colleagues that Aboriginal people 'stank' and were nothing but lazy drunks.

He said a press clipping relating to the Ku Klux Klan was anonymously pinned on a staff notice board with a threatening reference to him, and cartoons about the white supremacist group as well as alcohol pamphlets placed in his locker. He said other material distributed at the depot has depicted him as a monkey, and racial harmony posters that he put up during NAIDOC Week and at other times had been defaced.

The 57-year-old grandfather said he had

Worker claims racial bullying

repeatedly raised the behaviour with council management and 'the council has had a lot of meetings and handed out a lot of pamphlets on its code of conduct and I congratulate them for that' but they'd had little impact. The saga was dividing the depot, he said.

Complaints to the Qld Crime and Misconduct Commission and the Human Rights Commission and an independent investigation by the council had failed to resolve the matter.

"Council knows it is happening but I think it is at a loss as to how they can deal with it," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"They said their hands are tied because no-one will come forward but it should have stopped this before it got this bad."

Mr Tumeth said the last straw came several months ago when he learned that another racist note had been stuck to his locker but swiftly removed by his supervisor. When he pressed his supervisor about what the material was, he was told only

that it would have upset him.

At least two of Mr Tumeth's non-Indigenous co-workers have backed him up, with one of them, Peter Haywood, telling *The Koori Mail* the situation had left him 'ashamed to be white'.

"I thought we had racial discrimination laws that were meant to stop such behaviour," Mr Haywood said. "It certainly doesn't make you feel proud to be an Australian."

He said the council was a good employer but seemed to be hoping the situation would 'just go away'.

"On previous occasions when these matters have been raised, they just get swept under the carpet," he said. "How high does the carpet need to be before someone trips over it?"

The Koori Mail spoke to a second co-worker who verified Mr Tumeth's account, describing the treatment meted out to him as 'disgusting and ongoing'.

Mr Tumeth said that after cartoons about the KKK were left in his locker last June, he

had suffered chest pains and had to go to the local hospital emergency ward. He said his family were furious about the situation.

GCCC Acting CEO Joe McCabe told *The Koori Mail* on Friday that an independent investigation conducted into Mr Tumeth's claims about patterns of bullying and discrimination had not proven the allegations.

He said 'some offensive cartoons' were left in Mr Tumeth's locker during the course of the investigation but 'the identity of who was responsible for this particular incident was unfortunately unable to be established'.

Nevertheless, Mr McCabe said the investigator did find that relationships in the depot had broken down and recommended a series of actions. The Council had complied with all of them, he said, including formally reminding staff of their obligations under various council policies and its Code of Conduct, and requiring them to complete conflict resolution training.

"Everything possible has been and is being done to resolve the situation," Mr McCabe said. "We are committed to improving the culture at the depot and making it clear to all staff that council in no way will accept harassment or bullying of any kind."

Mornington Island Safe Haven Service funding available

Non-government organisations are encouraged to apply for funding of \$630,000 per annum for three years for the provision of the Mornington Island Safe Haven Service.

The purpose of the funding is to provide culturally appropriate services to respond to the safety needs of children, young people and their families experiencing or witnessing domestic or family violence.

Information packages and details of information sessions are available from www.communityservices.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 4747 3499.

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Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program

Call for Applications for 2010/11

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program is an initiative of the NSW Government to encourage job opportunities and career advancement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The aim of the program is to promote diversity, innovation and service responsiveness in the NSW workforce by reducing barriers to employment and promotion of Aboriginal People. The program is administered by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

The Department is seeking applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, local government, private or community sectors for funding proposals under the following program elements:

The **Permanent Employment** element aims to get Aboriginal people into permanent careers in the NSW public service and local government.

The **Temporary Placement** element aims to improve career development for Aboriginal employees in the NSW public service and local government.

The **Career Development** element offers funds to make it easier for NSW public service departments and local councils to give Aboriginal employees training or other career development experiences.

The **Partnership Project** element funds special projects to create jobs for Aboriginal people within any sector.

The **Graduate Work Experience** element encourages employers to give new Aboriginal graduates a start in the workforce by subsidising a work experience placement (maximum 12 weeks) in the person's field of training. Any employer is eligible to apply, subject to the conditions in the Guidelines.

The 2010/11 application forms and program guidelines are available on the Department's website at www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/acomm or by contacting State Training Services – Aboriginal Services on (02) 9204 7400.

Applications **close Friday 26 March, 2010** and should be submitted to:

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Aboriginal Programs Manager
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Elcho Island rangers work to save quolls



GURMURR
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rangers from
Elcho Island
have been
working with
Northern

Territory Government scientists to translocate a small population of endangered northern quolls to two remote islands off the north-east Arnhem Land coast.

The Island Ark project is a collaboration between the NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS), Indigenous rangers and the islands' traditional owners.

After the recent completion of the seventh and final survey, the project has been hailed a great success, with the islands' northern quoll populations now deemed to be secure.

NT biodiversity senior scientist Tony Griffiths said scientists and Gurmurr Marthakal rangers captured and marked the northern quoll populations on both islands and preliminary population estimates showed 2890 adult females on Astell and 300 adult females on the smaller Pobassoo Island.

Just 65 quolls from the mainland were released on these islands in 2003.

Mr Griffiths said the native Top End carnivorous marsupials were taken to the remote islands of Astell and Pobassoo to save the species from being wiped out by cane toads on the Northern Territory mainland.

"This is the seventh year of ongoing monitoring for the translocated quolls and the surveys consistently reveal the population is secure, which means it will no longer be necessary to monitor them



Gurmurr Marthakal
ranger Andrew
Gurruwiwi with a
northern quoll
during the recent
survey.

annually," he said. "The quoll populations have stabilised, the health and condition of all animals has been excellent and the other fauna on the islands, including skinks and birds, are also maintaining a good population which indicates overall healthy and balanced ecosystems on the islands.

"While this is great news for the island populations, on the mainland there has been no sign of northern quolls

bouncing back from the dramatic population losses over the past decade since cane toads arrived, and they are now almost extinct on the mainland."

Mr Griffiths said the significance of the translocated quoll populations was further reinforced when extensive biodiversity surveys of Territory islands last year revealed no new additional natural populations of quolls on islands.

Victory after land battle



A 15-YEAR
struggle for native
title rights has
paid off for the
Dulabed and
Malanbarra Yidinji
peoples of north

Queensland. A Federal Court sitting last month in Gordonvale affirmed the groups' native title rights over 16,460ha of land and water near Cairns. The consent determination gives the two groups exclusive access to and use of 6540ha of unallocated state land and non-exclusive rights over 9920ha of reserves and national parks.

During negotiations, all parties agreed that the Dulabed

and Malanbarra Yidinji peoples were the native title holders of the area.

National Native Tribunal Member Gaye Sculthorpe said it had been a long journey for the native title holders, but they could now access and use the land and waters where their ancestors hunted and fished, to carry on their traditional activities and customs.

Connection

"The Dulabed and Malanbarra Yidinji peoples have a continuing deep connection to this area which has been recognised publicly by the Federal Court," she said.

"The outcome not only

recognises the rights these groups have always had, but in doing so, demonstrates respect for the native title holders and their forebears.

"As recognised native title holders, and through the agreements they have negotiated with parties, they can look forward to opportunities that were previously out of their reach.

"All parties can now move forward, knowing that their rights are protected into the future."

Of a total of 84 consent determinations, or negotiated settlements, made in Australia, 45 have been made in Queensland. – AAP

SA land is returned



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THE final section of the former Maralinga nuclear test site in remote South Australia returned to traditional owners will house a training facility for Aboriginal rangers tasked with caring for the former prohibited zone.

The official return of the 3100sq km 'Section 400', about 300kms north-west of Ceduna, marked the end of a 50-year struggle for the Maralinga Tjarutja people.

Many of them attended the hand back ceremony at the Maralinga Village on 18 December, joined by SA Governor Kevin Scarce, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill and his Federal counterpart Jenny Macklin.

During the emotional ceremony, Governor Scarce unveiled a plaque recognising the contributions of members of the Maralinga Tjarutja community in bringing a notorious historical chapter to a close.

The Maralinga Tjarutja people were moved from the area in the early 1950s so the British Government could test atomic bombs there, heavily contaminating it with radioactive substances and hazardous chemicals.

A Royal Commission was conducted into the tests in the 1980s and clean-ups costing hundreds of millions of dollars were subsequently undertaken.

The first of several areas was handed back in 1984, followed by two more in the 1990s. But traditional owners continued to push for the return of Section 400. Now 'extensively rehabilitated' and



Maralinga Tjarutja Council Chairman Keith Peters says having the land returned will bring healing to the community. "Our people fought, they fought so bad to get the land back, back in the past, and they've finally made it, to get the land back."

back in Aboriginal hands, the area still contains three or four small 'no-go zones'.

However, Maralinga Tjarutja Council spokesman Chris Dodds told *The Koori Mail* that traditional owners trusted expert advice that the rest of it was safe enough for hunting and camping. "We're guided by these experts and we have a long-term commitment by the Commonwealth that they'll provide scientific advice to the local Anangu people," he said.

"We are very happy; the hand back was a long time coming and the end of a long campaign."

Mr Dodds said reports that the Maralinga Tjarutja people intended to make tourism the main focus of the area had been overstated.

"Even though a low number of visitors will be allowed to come in, it will be under the supervision of the Aboriginal rangers," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"The main thing for us was to bring the country back and maintain Anangu culture within the region."

The hand-back ceremony was tinged with sadness, given the passing of some key campaigners including former Maralinga Tjarutja Council administrator Dr Archie Barton and, just a few weeks before the hand back, another Elder, Kunmanara Queama.



The plaque honouring the Maralinga Tjarutja people who fought to have their land returned.



● Pictured left: South Australian Governor Kevin Scarce and Maralinga Tjarutja Council Chairman Keith Peters unveil a plaque on country to mark the return of the land. Members of the Maralinga Tjarutja community cried as Admiral Scarce handed over the deed. The Governor said the land's return closed a 'sorry chapter' in Australia's history.

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Appeal to assist injured paramedic

Story and photo by
Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



AN appeal has been launched to assist Thursday Island paramedic Jamie Jackway. Mr Jackway suffered serious injuries after falling 16m from a helicopter on to the deck of merchant ship while attempting to reach a sick sailor.

The incident occurred during November and the 32-year-old Mr Jackway has been at Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital in the intensive care ward ever since.

His injuries are reported to have included a broken spine, cracked pelvis, two broken arms and internal bleeding.

Mr Jackway was a star Indigenous basketball and rugby league footballer who competed at All Blacks carnivals.

Speaking to *The Koori Mail*, his wife Melanee said her husband was showing incredible bravery.

"Jamie is in the intensive care unit (ICU) and we have been told that he will be transferred to the spinal unit here when he can breathe by himself," she said.

Mrs Jackway has been joined in Brisbane by their three children Noelani, 11, Kavakore, 9, and P'Challa, 6.

Hospital

"I have been staying down in Brisbane to be near Jamie and we are expecting to get our own place near the hospital," she said.

Mr Jackway may have to spend up to a year in the spinal unit.

Family friend and Thursday Island resident Velma Gara described the incident as devastating.

"I've known his family for nearly 10 years through basketball," she said.

"Jamie had injected himself into the Torres Strait community, playing in the local rugby league and basketball competitions. He even refereed the men's A-grade basketball grand finals along with Thomas Loban.

"Jamie is such an energetic and caring person and for a serious accident such as this to happen is just devastating.

"Because this is such a small community, an incident like this affects everyone."

The Department of Community Safety, which includes the Queensland Ambulance Service and Emergency Management Queensland, is investigating the incident.

An appeal has been launched to help Jamie Jackway and his family. Donations can be sent to:

Bank: Queensland Police Credit Union.

Account: Jamie Jackway Appeal.

BSB: 704-052.

Account: 103 918 7

Lockhart River's new store named for Elder



At the store are, back, Lockhart River Mayor Rodney Accoom and local MP Jason O'Brien and, front, Marjorie Accoom, Daniel Accoom, Evelyn Omeenyo, (all siblings to the late Freddie Clarence Moses) and Minister Desley Boyle.



LOCKHART River's new \$8.5 million retail store, officially opened last month, has been named after traditional owner and Elder the late Freddie Clarence Moses.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the store would form part of the Lockhart River Multi-Purpose Centre, an idea proposed by residents that was incorporated into the town's community plan.

"The new Freddie Clarence Moses Store is the equal of a similarly-sized supermarket anywhere in Australia," Ms Boyle said. "It incorporates a delicatessen and bakery which will greatly enhance the range of healthy food on offer."

Cook MP Jason O'Brien said Elder Freddie Clarence Moses had been a pillar of the community.

"This store will be a focal point of community life so it is a fitting tribute to the hard work Mr Moses did to unite the Lockhart River community," he said.

Ms Boyle congratulated architect Kevin O'Brien, a member of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council, on his design.

"The design of this building incorporates images created by Lockhart River artist Lawrence Omeenyo," she said.

"These images will be applied to a clear polycarbonate screen that will run the full length of the multi-purpose centre."

Huge contract to Eastern Guruma



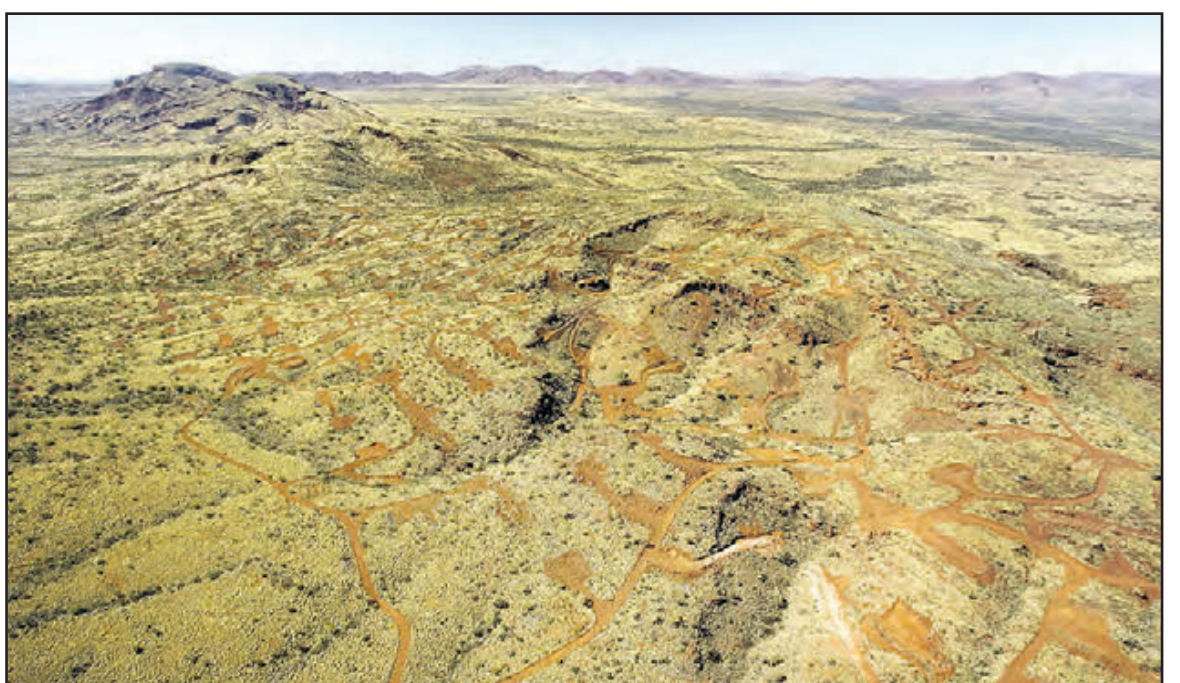
RIO TINTO has awarded a major new mining contract in its Pilbara iron ore operations in Western Australia to a joint venture between native title holders the Eastern Guruma and mining services company NRW.

The \$200 million contract to build, mine and transport iron ore from Rio Tinto's Western Turner Syncline deposit is the first significant mining joint venture for the Eastern Guruma people.

NRW and Eastern Guruma will build a haul road and truck the ore 15km to the Tom Price mine for processing and blending with other Pilbara blend stocks. Required regulatory approvals are being finalised and production is expected to start in July 2010, delivering six million tonnes of high-grade iron ore every year.

Rio Tinto says the four-year contract has been designed to increase Eastern Guruma equity in the joint venture from 25 to 35 per cent as the group builds capacity in mining services.

Mandated employment levels will rise each year, giving an average of 27 per cent Aboriginal employment across the four-year contract. It also includes a \$6 million component specifically for training the Eastern Guruma to develop stand-alone proficiency,



The iron ore deposit to be mined by Eastern Guruma and NRW.

and there is potential for the project to become a 50/50 joint venture.

Eastern Guruma Director Sue Boyd welcomed the decision.

"It is encouraging and rewarding to see companies embracing the need to partner with traditional landowners in the development of our country," she said.

"Our relationship with NRW is built on trust and our shared

vision for developing the skills and increasing the contract opportunities for traditional landowners to develop long-term sustainable business entities."

Rio Tinto Iron Ore Chief Executive Sam Walsh said: "This is a great initiative. It enables a local Aboriginal contractor as part of the joint venture to develop and mine the Western Turner Syncline deposit.

"It will allow the Eastern

Guruma people to develop capacity in mining services, and have increased participation in the resource development taking place on their country."

Rio Tinto says that last year it spent more than \$110 million through Indigenous contractors in the Pilbara, with nearly \$50 million of that being directed through companies affiliated with the Pilbara Aboriginal Contractors Association.

Rangers praised

NT fishing regime is extended



THE Mayala Rangers have been recognised for their work in uncovering and destroying an illegal fishing camp on an island in Western

Australia's Buccaneer Archipelago. The Kimberley Land Council's Mayala Rangers received a regional Australian Biosecurity Award – the first ever won by a group or organisation in the Kimberley.

The rangers were conducting routine sample collection and ant-trapping work for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) on Bedford Island in September when they found the illegal camp. The contents of the discovery were catalogued, photographed and subsequently destroyed, which is consistent with AQIS training and protocols.

Mayala traditional owner Sandy Isaac said crates of cooking gear and tarpaulins were hidden under a ledge, while matches and cutlery were buried in the sand. The island is a known stopping place for reef raiders seeking trochus shell.

"The illegal fisherman obviously knew what they were doing. They would have had to know about the tides and what the weather was doing because they would have needed a good still tide to sneak across at night," he said.

Mr Isaac said illegal fishers on the hunt for trochus shell, shark fin, dolphins and fish threatened the marine environment by overfishing



Mayala rangers Leon Isaac, Terry McCarthy and Thomas Nickels on Bedford Island and, inset, senior Mayala traditional owner Sandy Isaac. Photos courtesy KLC

and killing endangered species. He also said illegal fishing could destroy native flora and fauna through the introduction of diseases and pests in debris and molluscs attached to a boat's hull.

"These people have got no respect," he said. "Thankfully we have got people who work in Customs and we have got rangers. Through a combination of really working together we can protect

Australia for future generations."

KLC Deputy Director Nolan Hunter praised the work of the Mayala Rangers in applying the skills they had learned in training to on-ground inspection work.



THE Northern Land Council has extended the current

interim licensing and permit arrangement for commercial and recreational fishing in Northern Territory tidal waters over Aboriginal land until 31 December.

The council says it is committed to the additional extension to ensure that good faith negotiations can continue between all partners and stakeholders for the management and development of a sustainable NT fishing industry.

Aboriginal land covers about 5500 km of Northern Territory coastline, and consultations with traditional owners will take some time to complete. The licensing and permit scheme is free and involves the automatic granting of licences to commercial operators, with recreational licences automatically granted on request to the council.



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Applications Close: Monday, 1 February 2010 at 4.00pm.



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Jobs expo popular

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people turned out in big numbers for Centrelink's Jobs Expo held last month in Townsville.

It was a one-stop jobs supermarket, with an estimated 5000 job-seekers – 1000 of them Indigenous – turning up to check out more than 80 exhibits.

Centrelink Area Manager for the North Central Queensland Peter Searston said interest in the Jobs Expo was 'excellent'.

"The concept that an agency like Centrelink can deliver hundreds of real job opportunities to people looking for work, in an entertaining and fun environment like the Jobs Expo, has appealed to the general public," he said.

"Centrelink is implementing the Government's initiative, bringing job opportunities and job-seekers together."

Job-seekers were encouraged to bring a one-page resume, talk to prospective employers, and take advantage of the many activities organised on the day.

The Koori Mail was there and spoke to many job-seekers including Sarri Kawane, 17, who was with her father Richard and looking for a short-term job in the retail industry.

"I also had a look at the Army exhibit and may be interested in that as a career," she said.



Sarri Kawane in front of an army amphibious vehicle. She is considering a career in the armed services.

Perth day tour to offer visitors taste of culture



PERTH resident Rebecca Casey has joined forces with a group of Aboriginal

artists and business owners to put together a day tour aimed at giving domestic and overseas tourists the opportunity to experience contemporary

Aboriginal Australia.

Guests of Urban Indigenous Tours have the chance to meet local Aboriginal artists such as Peter Farmer and Lance Chadd, sample contemporary bush foods at Maalinup Aboriginal Art Gallery and Kaditj Internet Cafe, and learn about didgeridoos and Aboriginal history.

"Urban Indigenous Tours is dedicated to Indigenous tourism and the experience foreigners have here in Australia," said Ms Casey.

WA Indigenous Tourism Operators Association CEO Angelique Fransen said the initiative was an excellent example of the partnerships that could be established between

mainstream and Indigenous tourism.

"Urban Indigenous Tours will certainly add to the variety of Indigenous experiences available in Perth and surrounding regions and make it more easily accessible to the visitors to Perth," she said.

The tours operate Tuesday to Saturday.



At the recent launch of Urban Indigenous Tours were, from left, Peter and Miranda Farmer, Shareena Clanton, Dale Tilbrook, Deborah Bonar and Rebecca Casey.



James Hoff, left, and Michael Ingrey.

New information service covers Sydney's south



NEED information on Indigenous-specific services in Sydney's south?

Maybe James Hoff or Michael Ingrey can help.

These men have been appointed as new information referral workers by South Sydney Youth Services.

Mr Hoff will cover the Waterloo-Redfern area – with which he is very familiar – while Mr Ingrey, a Dharawal/Dunghutti man, will service the La Perouse district.

They have been employed to provide outreach support and information at locations in their respective areas and to provide advice on access to essential services such as housing, legal issues, education, employment, family counselling, health and recreation, cultural awareness, sports and arts and other related matters.

Mr Ingrey can be contacted on 0431 821 303 and Mr Hoff can be contacted on 0405 147 316.

Dancers hit the beach



Carly Sheppard working with six of the Aboriginal girls taking part in the workshops.



ABORIGINAL girls have learned contemporary dancing skills during a series of workshops on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. The workshops, facilitated by

NAISDA-trained Carly Sheppard, were organised by Baluk Arts – Indigenous Artists of Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula. Held at Frankston and Rye, the program celebrated youth and Indigenous culture in south-east

Melbourne with a dance routine fusing traditional Indigenous movements with modern dance. The Indigenous participants, aged 10-16, focused on telling a story, showing they have survived and highlighting their people and culture.

The workshops have led to the formation of the Baluk girls' Indigenous dance group, which will perform at the Survival Day Picnic on 26 January at the Frankston foreshore. For more information go to www.balukarts.org.au

More in prisons



THE rate of imprisonment for Indigenous people continues to rise, new figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show.

At 30 June last year, the rate was 14 times higher for Indigenous prisoners than other prisoners. But their average sentence length was less than non-Indigenous prisoners (3.6 years compared with 5.3 years).

The number of all adults in Australian prisons increased by 6 per cent (1700 prisoners) over the year to 30 June 2009.

At 30 June, a total of 29,300 prisoners were held in corrective services adult custody, an imprisonment rate of 175 prisoners per 100,000 adults in Australia.

Western Australia and the Northern Territory had the highest proportional increases in prisoner numbers (17 per cent and 11 per cent increase in the number of prisoners respectively) and continued to have the highest imprisonment rates (260 and 660

prisoners per 100,000 adults respectively).

More than half (56 per cent or 16,270) of all prisoners had served a sentence in an adult prison before their current incarceration.

Prisoners were sentenced to an average prison term of 4.8 years, with an average expected time to serve (the earliest date of release taking into account the type of sentence, good behaviour, time already served, etc) of 3.5 years.

Other findings at 30 June 2009 were:

- Eight in ten prisoners were born in Australia
- The most serious offence or charge for nearly one in five prisoners in custody was acts intending to cause injury (5600 prisoners)
- The most serious offence or charge for older prisoners (aged 55-plus) was sexual assault and related offences
- Between 1999 and 2009, the number of women prisoners increased by 57 per cent compared with a 35 per cent increase in male prisoners for this same period.



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Favourite movie?
Save The Last Dance

Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere but Darwin.

What are you reading?
Love novels.

What are you watching?
Cable TV – I really like *Supernatural*.

What is the greatest highlight in your life?
Having nieces and nephews and being there for them.

What do you like?
Spending time with family and friends.

What don't you like?
People who are racist towards Indigenous people.

Who would you most like to meet?
(Boxer) Anthony Mundine. He's an inspiration for our people.

What would you do to improve the situation for Indigenous people?
I'd push for better education for our kids. And I'd stop domestic violence.

Quote



'There seem to be more and more Anangu who are needing to go on dialysis'

– Anangu man Colin Brown on the need for renal dialysis units on his APY lands

● See Report page 7

Unquote

There must be a better way

Being sick is bad enough, but being sick and forced to move away from family, friends and country is terrible. That's the dilemma, however, for renal patients in South Australia's remote north who are unable to access services in the Northern Territory, despite it being much closer to their homelands.

Granted, the SA Government has agreed to allow existing patients using the Alice Springs dialysis facilities to continue to do so. But newer patients are being banned.

Colin Brown and his wife Yayimpi are an example of this stupid policy. They were left with no other choice last year but to relocate to Adelaide so that Yayimpi could receive her life-saving dialysis. Packing up their station wagon with some family members, they had to leave Ernabella in the APY Lands for Adelaide. They arrived with few provisions and nowhere to stay. Luckily they found help from the Uniting Church, and are now settled in a home.

But as Colin said in a letter to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, the forced relocations could be prevented

"There seem to be more and more Anangu who are needing to go on dialysis. If we had a renal unit in the APY Lands people could still live in their communities and on their country and have dialysis," he said.

His plea, however, appears to have fallen on deaf ears, as the Federal Government has made it clear that the provision of health services is a matter



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for the States and Territories.

The South Australian Government has said it is improving services in Adelaide and Port Augusta, and that it would be too difficult to establish a decent facility on the Lands.

A spokeswoman told *The Koori Mail* that such a facility required a high level of maintenance and specialist staff, and that it was more practical to have such services in major centres.

But the argument doesn't hold up.

The facility at Kintore, 530km west of Alice Springs near the West Australian border, is proof that a remote facility is not only possible, but can actually be in the best interests of its patients.

It is time for the SA Government to recognise the special needs of Indigenous people, and their strong links to country. Forcing people to move to a strange city, more than a 1000km from home is not the answer.

The dialysis dilemma is not going away, and the numbers of remote area patients are tipped to increase.

The SA Government needs to go back to the drawing board because there must be a better way.

People's lives are at stake.

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It's time to get a little bit **country!**

Showcase is top feature at Tamworth

ABORIGINAL acts will again be a feature at this month's Tamworth Country Music Festival, starting on Friday.

Some of Indigenous Australia's finest country acts will be in the northern NSW city for the Cultural Showcase, which runs throughout the festival.

Among them will be Roger Knox, Auriel Andrew, Johnny Huckle, Buddy Knox, Charlie Trindall, Mark Atkins, Kevin Bennett, Dale Robert Huddleston, Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter and Jimmy Little.

All will be performing and running music workshops as part of the planned program of activities.

Organisers say the big-name musicians will be taking various roles throughout the week, performing in 'unplugged sessions', running master classes for emerging Aboriginal musicians and performing as part of the Showcase's Finale event.

"Most of the bigger names are local heroes, especially to younger musicians, and news that they will be joining us will be generating some excitement in the community," said Organising Committee member and Aboriginal country music singer Roger Knox.

The Cultural Showcase will run from Monday 18 to Friday 22 January at the Tamworth PCYC, with the Finale on Saturday 23 at the Capitol Theatre.

With the exception of the finale, all shows will be by gold coin donation entry.

Tickets for the finale are being sold through Tourism Tamworth.

Organisers said the Cultural Showcase would give exposure and skills development opportunities to new and emerging Aboriginal talent, and a flexible program of shows would allow all interested Aboriginal artists the chance to perform on stage and in front of an audience using a professional quality sound system and experienced Aboriginal backing band.

The full schedule of shows and workshops is available from the Tamworth festival website www.culturalshowcase.info and phone enquiries can be directed to Steve Blanch on (02) 6766 4645 or Joanne Stead on (02) 6701 9020.

● The organisers say they are grateful to the Federal Government's Indigenous Cultural Support Program, which has provided funding for the skills development workshops, and the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

ABORIGINAL performer Charlie Trindall at last year's Tamworth Country Music Festival.



ARCHIE ROACH



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'New way' summit planned for capital



ABORIGINAL political activist Michael Anderson is calling for Elders from around the country to join him in Canberra for a 'New Way' summit on 30 January and 1 February. The summit will be at the Jabal Aboriginal Centre at the Australian National University.

"This summit is important for our future in order to take back our right to make our own decisions and stamp out the government-appointed spokespersons," Mr Anderson said.

"We must set an agenda for our development and advancement."

Mr Anderson can be contacted on 0427 292 492 or through ngurampaa@bigpond.com.au

Helipad a boost for medical services



MEDICAL services for Torres Strait Islander communities are set to receive a boost, with the Queensland Government to spend \$4.6 million on a helipad at Thursday Island.

Premier Anna Bligh said the helipad at the island's hospital in Queensland's far north would be built by Hutchinson Builders.

"This helipad will make a significant difference in ensuring medical services at the Thursday Island Hospital are even more accessible for patients travelling to the hospital from the outlying islands," she said.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of this year. — AAP

More NSW centres for kids, families



NSW is to get six more centres for Indigenous children and their families. The centres will be built at Lake Macquarie, Shoalhaven, Brewarrina, Gunnedah and

Walgett, and a second centre will be constructed in the Blacktown area. These are in addition to centres at Campbelltown, Blacktown and Ballina announced earlier this year.

The Federal Government has allocated \$74.7 million over six years to build the nine NSW Children and Family Centres.

The new centres will target the needs of Indigenous families and their young children, but all local families will be able to use them.

Ombudsman hits out over asbestos



INDIGENOUS people in the Northern Territory should have been informed earlier than they were about a government program to detect asbestos in local buildings, Commonwealth

Ombudsman Professor John McMillan says.

The Ombudsman was speaking after releasing the findings of his investigation into information provided to Indigenous communities about the asbestos surveys program, which was undertaken by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) between November 2007 and September 2008.

"In seeking to protect the health of people living in these communities by surveying for, and removing — where it posed a risk — asbestos-containing materials, FaHCSIA did not attach sufficient importance to ensuring there was a co-ordinated flow of accurate and consistent information to people affected by the surveys," Prof McMillan said.

"The primary focus was on inspecting buildings, including community centres, schools and homes. More emphasis should have been placed on providing an adequate explanation to residents, employees and other locals of what was happening and when they would get the survey results."

Professor McMillan reminded other Australian Government agencies to make engagement with Indigenous people central to program design and delivery.

Aunty Muriel will never forget 'Forgotten Girls'



Aunty Muriel Day ... "I call them 'forgotten' because no one wanted to help them because of their alcohol issues and that..."



AUNTY Muriel Day says she'll never forget her 'Forgotten Girls' — a group of struggling women from western

Victoria. The Echuca-based Elder with a big heart has been working to form a group to help the women, many of them facing alcohol and drug issues as well as violence.

Aunty Muriel, an active member of the Echuca-based Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, says she is determined to give the women a better life.

"I call them my 'Forgotten Girls' because they don't fit into any young mums groups and they are too young to be part of the Elders circle," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"I call them 'forgotten' because no one wanted to help them because of their alcohol issues and that, but they now know that I am going to help them."

Much-needed

The women's group has been hailed locally as a much-needed support and social outlet for the women.

Aunty Muriel is quick to point out she was not being ageist in her approach.

"I bypassed the young ones because they get help and the Elders get help too, but these women are the ones who don't get help from anyone and these are the ones who need help," she said.

Aunty Muriel applied successfully — at her first go — for Victorian Government funding to establish the group.

Now she's looking for more money to ensure the group's future.

And she wants her 'Forgotten Girls' girls to do the funding application.

"I did one and it's their turn now," she said.

"The girls can put in their own submission and I'll just sit in the background." — By Kerri-Lee Harding

Commitment to law recognised



ABORIGINAL woman Julie Perkins has been recognised with a national award for lifetime

commitment to law and justice issues. Ms Perkins, the Northern Area Zone manager of the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service, took out the Trevor Christian Employee of the Year Award at a conference in Canberra. She was chosen from a field of 500 employees across Australia.

Ms Perkins, a Gumbaynggirr woman from Corindi Beach on the north coast of NSW, is also a qualified lawyer and a former manager of the Many Rivers Aboriginal Legal Service.

Aboriginal Legal Service

(NSW/ACT) CEO Gerry Moore said the national award was a tribute to Ms Perkins' dedication and service.

"This award is just recognition of the tireless effort Julie has made in her contribution to law and justice

over a period of time.

"Our organisation is honoured to have this award presented to one of our staff members."

During her career, Ms Perkins has been involved with many committees, including the

Award, a NAIDOC award, and she was named the Alumnus of the Year while attending Southern Cross University, in Lismore, in 2005.

The Federal Attorney-General's Department sponsored the Trevor Christian award, which was first given out last year.

The conference in Canberra was the second time representatives from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services around the country had gathered to discuss best practice in governance and service delivery through the

Attorney-General's Department.

The broader aim of the conference was to help build safer communities across Australia for all Aboriginal people.



'This award is just recognition of the tireless effort Julie Perkins (pictured) has made in her contribution to law and justice issues for Aboriginal people'

issues for Aboriginal people," he said.

"She has struggled from very humble beginnings and is a real symbol of what can be achieved through consistent and dedicated hard work

Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Council, the NSW State Police Council and the Law Foundation of NSW.

She has received other recognition for her efforts, including an ATSIC Achiever



Letter-writer Lawrence Bamblett tells how a community in southern NSW came together at the local mission to promote the benefits of reading – see page 25

NT intervention review needed

I WRITE because the so-called intervention in the Northern Territory is not working and there is a desperate need for another review.

I am a Senior Elder of the Liya-dhalinymirr clan of the Djambarrpuyngu People (Eastern Arnhem Land) and I also lecture in Yolngu Studies at Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory.

As far as I am concerned, the intervention has only created problems in my communities as well as remote homeland centres. It has made our people more frustrated and confused.

The white man's way of thinking is being forced on us, and is forcing us to abandon our culture.

We desperately need the white authorities, Federal as well as Northern Territory, to come and talk to us at the community level.

There has not been enough consultation. Many in my community and others I speak to think the same way.

This whole process has been a huge waste of money that has left our people scared.

In fact, the intervention has led to the further destruction of our culture, ceremony and a loss of discipline among our people.

The white authorities don't know what is best for us. They only think they do.

Governments class all Aborigines as the same, but they are wrong.

These white people and the bureaucrats do not go out to the East Arnhem Land communities where my people live, where there has never been alcohol, and there is no child abuse. There are Aboriginal people living on remote communities of Arnhem Land, in homeland centres, away from towns, away from the binge drinking areas, poker machine and gambling venues. These are people who are able to manage their funds and work, or want to work.

Quarantining of Centrelink payments should be optional – not compulsory. Quarantining might be okay for people living in town camps and cities, where alcohol and gambling is a problem, but it doesn't work for my people living on remote Arnhem Land homelands where there is no gambling, no alcohol and no child abuse.

We are asking simply for understanding that in life there needs to be an understanding between two cultures. There needs to be respect between cultures.



YINGIYA GUYULA
Darwin, NT

Letter-writer Yingiya Guyula ... "We are asking simply for understanding that in life there needs to be an understanding between two cultures. There needs to be respect between cultures."

Laughter is good medicine

LAST year I was invited to an all-Koori comedy show at the Little Theatre in Traralgon (Victoria). This was organised by Electra McLennan, a local woman now living in Melbourne. I would like to congratulate Electra for her work on the night, as well as tour manager Jason Yorta Yorta Tamiri.

Comedians included Cy Fahey, Margie Tang, Darren Parker, Mia Stanford, Uncle Phil, Shiralee Hood, and Kevin Kropinyeri.

The show started about 7pm and it was great – full of laughs, all different acts and all very funny.

Kevin came on to the stage and the man was brilliant, so funny he had me in tears of laughter.

I have not laughed so much for over 15 years as I did on this night. I have not heard funnier comedians for a long time.

My health has not been good for a while now and Kevin has been the best medicine of all to date.

I have seen and heard a lot of comedians in my time, especially when I lived in Sydney, and Kevin has to be up there with the best.

Thank you to all the comedians for such an enjoyable night. I believe they are returning at a later date so please do yourselves a favour and go and see them. I promise you won't regret it.

BARBARA TILLEY
Sale, Victoria

His focus is film-making

I AM seeking interest and support to hold free film-making and basic computer skills workshops in Aboriginal communities.

Workshops would be customised to fit the specific needs and times of the participants who would create their own short films and use computers to gain basic skills.

Short films can be a way to gain practical experience, tell a story, a personal or collaborative creative journey or highlight some aspect of community life.

I've been involved with Aboriginal issues for some years. Belonging to Bennelong and surrounds reconciliation group, I have filmed many events including a historical talk about Bennelong in Ryde, Children's Voices for Reconciliation, Sea of Hands, filming Sorry Day in Canberra and many more. I believe media literacy can play a part in empowering individuals and promoting a sense of community and history.

I have ten years' media experience, a vehicle and all the necessary professional equipment, insurance and documentation to offer these workshops. I intend to apply for grants and sponsorship and so I am seeking letters of support from interested communities.

ROY SMITH
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Christian reply

I WRITE regarding D Peckham's letter 'Shocking History of the Christian' (*The Koori Mail*, 18 November 2009).

It seems Mr Peckham has a large chip on his shoulder and takes it out on the Christians.

Let me remind Mr Peckham that one of our great nation's State Governors was Aboriginal and a born-again Christian (Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls, Governor of South Australia) and he let the world know

it! His respect for Christian missionaries is well documented.

I could fill pages with Aboriginal Christians who have changed men and women and gained the respect of whole communities.

Born-again Christian Aborigines have nothing to hide. Ninety-nine per cent have spoken the praise of the missionary who brought Christ into their lives.

May I recommend Mr Peckham writes

to the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship of Australia, the United Aboriginal Ministries or the Australian Indigenous Ministries for more information.

I would be only too glad to have a public discussion with Mr Peckham about Christianity. In fact, I throw the challenge open to him.

Pastor ROBERT SHANNEY
Kempsey, NSW



Letter-writer Colin Markham and art curator Djon Mundine at the Pallingjang Saltwater 2009 Aboriginal art exhibition in Wollongong.

Rich culture highlighted in artworks

PALLINGJANG Saltwater 2009 Aboriginal art exhibition at Wollongong City Art Gallery is a must for people who wish to see works by local Aboriginal artists living on the south coast of NSW.

It's a great opportunity for all to experience the rich and vibrant culture through dreaming stories depicted in the artworks.

Pallingjang is a Tharawal word meaning saltwater.

The artwork on display at the gallery until early March 2010 is presented by 16 south coast Aboriginal artists and covers a range of styles and mediums, both traditional and contemporary.

I was invited to open this exhibition, and I felt honoured to do so.

Memories came flooding back when I reflected on the very first opening of Pallingjang No 1, in December 1997, when I was invited by the gallery as Parliamentary Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs in the Carr Government to officially open that exhibition.

The works of local Aboriginal artists have been displayed in the gallery in exhibitions under the name 'Pallingjang Saltwater' over the past 12 years, allowing Aboriginal artists the opportunity to display their talents to a broad range of people.

Pallingjang No 2 opened in Wollongong in 1999, then travelled to Sydney and was placed on display in NSW Parliament House as part of the Parliament's commitment to Aboriginal reconciliation.

The opportunity for Aboriginal people to tell their stories to all Australians is of great importance, so that a lot of the myth that still colours many people's thinking can be put to rest. Pallingjang Saltwater exhibition is just one way of doing this.

I congratulate Acting Gallery Director John Monteleone and his staff for the continuation of opportunities for local Aboriginal artists to display their talents and providing an opportunity for citizens to understand the deep feelings generated by these talented Aboriginal artists' works.

I believe this exhibition will allow the artists to follow their dreams of telling their stories through art.

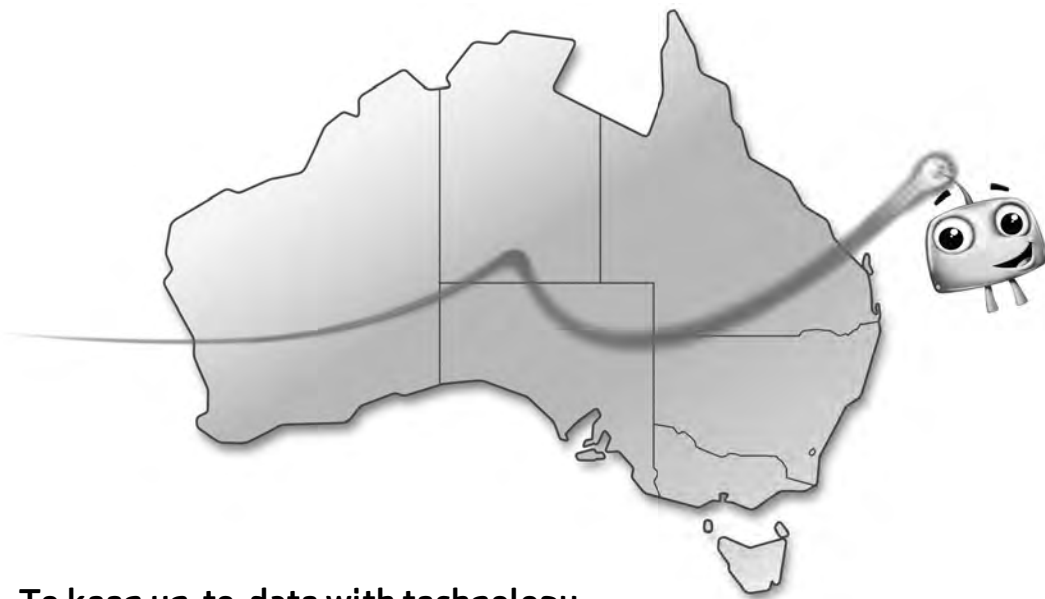
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Reading at Erambie

LAST month, Cowra's Koori community came together at Erambie Mission (southern NSW) to promote the benefits of reading.

The Read With Me day was the first event in Erambie Advancement's Healthy, Black and Deadly community development program.

The aim of the day was to encourage a reading culture in Cowra's Koori community. The idea is based on an understanding that increasing the amount of time spent reading will improve literacy. Even small improvements in literacy will contribute to improved results in mainstream schools. Better results at school will open up greater employment opportunities and this will lead to better health and well-being. The ultimate aim is to have the world's best literacy levels.

Event organisers recognised the challenge of getting the benefits of interacting with mainstream Australia without giving up the local Wiradjuri culture in the process.

'Read With Me' met this challenge by finding a place for reading within Wiradjuri culture. The Koori focus on family and Koori ways of teaching and learning were used to establish common ground between mainstream education and Wiradjuri culture. The program was built on the Koori way of sharing responsibility for the bringing up of young people. The whole community was encouraged to take an active role in developing a reading culture among primary and pre-school children.

The day started with the local Wagambirra



Erambie author Isobel Coe with local children at the Read With Me day.

Dance Group, from Cowra High School, telling welcome stories through dance. Senior Koori students and school prefects Kyron McGrath and Breannah Jeffries then performed an official welcome and overview of the day. The high school students acted as leaders for the guided reading groups. They took on the role of peer leaders and role models for the younger children.

Elders had an important role to play in the program. They were given the task of encouraging family members to take

responsibility for improving literacy in the community. The Elders have been asked to follow up on the program by making sure there is an increase in the amount of time spent reading with young people.

Wiradjuri authors were celebrated to show young people where reading could take them. Erambie artist and author Isobel Coe was honoured on the day. She read her book, *A Bush Walk*, to the children.

Wiradjuri author Anita Heiss returned to her mother's home as a guest. Anita

conducted a workshop to create deadly characters for kids to use in their own stories.

Cowra's Koori teachers were on hand to take parents through the stages of learning so they could take control of their own children's reading development. Beatrice Murray, from Mulyan Public School, created a Wiradjuri-focused activity booklet for the children to complete. She said children related better to Koori voices.

Parents discussed with teachers what their children do at each stage of reading development. They also found out what they could do to contribute to their child's learning.

Each of the 150 children who attended received a pack promoting reading. The t-shirt, library bag, bookmark, magnet and books were all branded with the Koori flag and the 'Read With Me' message.

'Read With Me' day at Erambie Mission was a joint effort of Yalbillunga's Parental and Community Engagement program (PaCE) and Erambie Advancement Corporation. Organisers were happy to see older children reading to younger ones at the day's end.

The smiling faces and requests for another 'Read With Me' day indicated that the event was a success. 'Read With Me' day was also successful in that the message of the benefits of reading to little people was placed firmly in the minds of those who attended.

LAWRENCE BAMBLETT
Chairperson, Erambie Advancement Corporation, NSW



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It will take place on
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Dasha Newington
Bert Evans AO, Chair of the Board of Vocational Education and Training



Australian Government

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Second Anniversary of the National Apology

The Department of Families, Housing, Community
Services and Indigenous Affairs will provide funding to
Stolen Generations' organisations to help celebrate the
second anniversary of the National Apology on
13 February, 2010.

Organisations will be able to access a one off payment up
to \$500 to help with costs associated with holding an event
or celebration for the anniversary of the National Apology.

Application forms and guidelines are available by
contacting the Department on 02 6212 9718 or by
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Applications close at 5:00pm AEST, Friday 29 January, 2010.

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Brothers Oshay, Calvin and Desmin Youich tuck into some emu rolls.



Bush tucker day organisers Jo and Michael Connolly.

Bush tucker day proves popular

By LYN GOODE



EMU kebabs, possum
pies and boab fruit
were just some of the
foods on the menu for
more than 500 people
who turned out to taste
bush tucker at a special
gathering in Brisbane.

Organised and run by Jo and

Michael Connolly of Dreamtime
Kullilla Art, the event at the Redcliffe
Showgrounds included hundreds of
food products for sale, a native
foliage workshop, bush tucker
canteen and a cooking
demonstration by chef Dale
Chapman.

Mrs Connolly said the event, the
first of its kind for the company, was
organised to gauge public interest.

"We were delighted with the
response and plan a second bush
tucker day for September," she said.

"People are really keen to know
how to grow native produce and
what they can make with it. They
are interested in the slow food
cooking."

People travelled from as far as
Roma and Hervey Bay to attend
the event.



Master chef of the day and bush food
advocate Dale Chapman delighted patrons
with her cooking workshop.



Enjoying the bush tucker gathering were Lyndelle and Roetiby
Beezley and Berniece Peeauakeau.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE STUDY NOMINATIONS FOR ABORIGINAL HERITAGE STUDY WORKING GROUP

Council is preparing an Aboriginal Heritage Study that seeks to engage with
the Aboriginal community and culture.

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Nominations are open for any interested persons both within and outside of the
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Members of the working group may or may not be Aboriginal Elders and/or
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If you are interested in nominating for a position on the Working Group please
contact:

Suzanne Wren
Strategic & Development Assessment Planner
Ph: 93663556 / F: 93663777
E: council@botanybay.nsw.gov.au

The closing date for nominations is
Friday 29 January 2010.



Peter Fitzgerald, General Manager

\$1m employment boost for NSW



INDIGENOUS employment in
New South Wales has been
given a \$1 million boost under
the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal
Employment Program.

NSW Indigenous Affairs Minister Paul Lynch
said the funding would be shared among 16
organisations to support Aboriginal jobs and
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almost 30 new positions.

The Elsa Dixon Program supports a range of
employment and education-related activities
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permanent employment in the public service or
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the cost of training and development and fund
innovative projects.

Youth now warriors

By BRITTA LYSTER



YOUNG Koori men have become 'young warriors'

thanks to a program on the NSW south coast.

The Young Warriors project was established to help keep local young Indigenous adults busy and out of trouble.

And it's done more than that, according to organisers from the Gudhuga Aboriginal Corporation working in conjunction with Eurobodalla Adult Education in Moruya.

As well as completing formal adult education and learning about business, the Young Warriors men have also hosted their own art exhibition.

Their hands-on approach in the organising and staging the inaugural exhibition is set to lead to more such events.

More than 50 guests attended the exhibition opening night, hailed as a great success by Gudhuga Chairperson Iris White.

The exhibition remained open for a week, with more than one-third of the 29 artworks sold on opening night.

Two of the course participants, aspiring rappers Kelly Tout and Steven Wilson, also recently visited Narooma Youth Cafe where they performed their rap.

"This course has given me great opportunities when I was just bumming around the streets doing nothing," Mr Wilson said.

Achieve

"I hope the younger ones can look up to us and realise they too can achieve anything they set their minds to."

Plans are already in hand for similar courses this year as part of Gudhuga's community outreach work and efforts to connect local youth with their culture and heritage.

Several of the young men are already planning to undertake mentoring roles with local Aboriginal youth and children in their local community.



Young Warriors
Brett Carpenter,
Steven Wilson and
Shane Davis.



Australian Government Attorney-General's Department

An Australian Government Initiative

The Australian Government invites expressions of interest from incorporated, not-for-profit community groups and local government associations/agencies for crime prevention projects.

The *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* establishes a comprehensive scheme to trace, restrain and confiscate the proceeds of crime against Commonwealth law, and also enables confiscated funds to be given back to the community to help prevent and reduce the harmful effects of crime.

The Government is seeking to establish a register of EOIs from which selected applicants would then be invited to submit full funding proposals. Grants will be awarded, and successful and unsuccessful applicants informed as soon as practicable.

Eligible organisations are able to seek non-recurrent funding for **crime prevention projects**, preferably between \$50,000 and \$150,000 for each project, addressing one or more of the following priorities:

1. Diversion and prevention programs, including those focussing on indigenous persons
2. Youth crime, including diversion and prevention programs
3. Early intervention projects with families, children and schools
4. Crime prevention for seniors (personal and financial security), and
5. Assisting victims of violent crime

Expressions of Interest close at 5pm on Monday 1 February 2010.
Expressions of Interest must be post-marked on or before the closing date.

Expression of Interest forms and information are available:

- at www.crimeprevention.gov.au
- from the Crime Prevention Section
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Capacity Building Workshops for Stolen Generations' Organisations

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will be conducting capacity building workshops for organisations whose primary purpose is to work with, or advocate on behalf of, the Stolen Generations.

The workshops will focus on seeking and competing for funding opportunities.

Organisations will have an opportunity for their staff or volunteers to attend a workshop in their nearest regional centre, with workshops being held:

- Canberra, 24 February 2010
- Redfern, 12 March 2010
- Adelaide, 12 April 2010
- Darwin, 14 April 2010
- Melbourne, 11 May 2010
- Brisbane, 28 May 2010
- Broome, 9 June 2010
- Redfern, 16 June 2010

Stolen Generations' organisations are invited to nominate staff or representatives to attend a workshop.

If you are interested, more information and nomination forms are available by contacting the Building Sector Capacity Section on 02 6212 9494 or by emailing StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au

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Trails lead to Perth's rivers

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



THE rivers of Perth are woven into the Dreaming stories of Nyoongar spirituality, and thanks to a research project now under way, some of that information will be

included in a series of river walking trails. The project, called the Swan and Canning Rivers Iconic Trails Project, is based at the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) and run in co-operation with the Swan River Trust. It is headed by Nyoongar leaders Barry McGuire and Marissa Verma.

The project will include consultation with the Nyoongar community, and Mr McGuire and Ms Verma would like to hear from anyone who has cultural knowledge or stories of the two rivers that could be included in the project.

Mr McGuire said the Trust was planning to include the settlement and pioneering history of the river, and the Iconic Trails Project would balance the European version with the Nyoongar history of the Swan and Canning rivers.

Consultation

"There's also a Nyoongar history along the river and that's where we came together as organisations to look at that history. We worked hard to get this consultation because we know how Nyoongar people think and how they work," Mr McGuire said.

"A lot of families have shut down because of not being allowed to speak language in the past at the missions or in the schools, and I guess this consultation is one way of getting some of that knowledge back."

Mr McGuire said there were Dreaming stories connecting the coast at Garden Island, south of Perth, to the centre of Australia, and all information needed to be gathered to give the Swan and Canning rivers their proper meaning.

"I guess our main aim is to see Nyoongar families take their kids out to see the sites along the river, because a lot of Nyoongar families go to the river to fish or have a barbecue and it would give the kids a different perspective about their own family connections," he said.

Ms Verma said it was important that anyone with knowledge make contact.

"We're looking at putting most of the information on interpretation signage



A view of the Derbarl Yerrigan and Kartagurrup (Kings Park) along the Perth foreshore. Wetlands covered the area where the freeway now is.



Barry McGuire and Marissa Verma are hoping to hear from Nyoongars with knowledge about the Swan and Canning rivers.

and it will go hand in hand with what the Swan River Trust is doing with the European history," she said.

Mr McGuire also had some advice for anyone who performed Welcome to Country ceremonies at official functions so that non-Aboriginal people would not be confused by the term Derbarl Yerrigan to describe the Swan River.

"Derbarl Yerrigan describes the Swan River and some Elders have told me that it's the place of the fresh water turtle, because the fresh water turtle was very important to

us for medicine," he said.

However, the words Derbarl Yerrigan do not literally translate as Swan River. The literal translation for Derbarl Yerrigan is Narlak (Swan) Beeliar (River). Mr McGuire said he had always understood the Derbarl Yerrigan to refer to fresh water or brackish water turtle Dreaming along what is now known as the Swan River.

Anyone with information for the Iconic Trails Project is asked to call Mr McGuire on 0422 814 994 or Ms Verma on 0448 987 787.

Major businesses sign up



TWO leading businesses have signed up to the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC) pilot project to link Indigenous businesses with some of Australia's biggest corporations.

Construction giant Leighton Holdings and leading international law firm Allens Arthur Robinson have signed Indigenous conferencing services company Message Stick to provide them with advanced audio and web-conferencing services.

Federal Employment Participation Minister Mark Arbib welcomed the move. "The Rudd Government has invested

\$3 million in the pilot project to link Indigenous businesses with some of Australia's biggest organisations, and I'm delighted to see businesses of the stature of Leighton and Allens Arthur Robinson coming on board," he said.

"This project is designed to change the way corporate Australia engages with Indigenous Australia and was inspired by similar successful models from the United States, Canada and Britain.

"Without support from major corporates we could not hold this project which introduces Indigenous-owned businesses to corporate members, with the goal of building strong commercial relationships."

The agreements between Message Stick and the two companies are for two years and are together worth about \$2 million to Message Stick revenues.

The Supplier Council was set up to assist Indigenous businesses to understand and meet the procurement requirements of major organisations. Indigenous businesses can then enter directly into commercial contracts and tender for public contracts offered by Supplier Council members.

AIMSC so far has 17 corporate members and 10 Indigenous suppliers have been formally certified, with another round of suppliers due to be certified soon.

Manager's efforts recognised



A COMMUNITY Services Casework Manager has been acknowledged for his contribution to work at an Aboriginal community in western NSW. Keith Hinton received the Outstanding Achievement Award for successfully implementing an early intervention program – the Brighter Futures program – to the community of Gulargambone, 100km north of Dubbo.

Mr Hinton was among more than 300 Aboriginal staff attending the Community Services Aboriginal Staff Conference 'Progress: Make it Real, Make it Work'.

Community Services Minister Linda Burney congratulated Mr Hinton for his work and dedication, saying the program provided invaluable support to vulnerable families.

"In the past, the Gulargambone community has had very little engagement with services provided by Community Services," she said.

"Keith Hinton's tireless dedication and energy has resulted in over 55 families receiving Brighter Futures services.

"This is an especially impressive result given the small size and remoteness of the community. I congratulate Mr Hinton on his achievement."

Ms Burney also acknowledged the contributions of all Indigenous staff in the sector.

"Aboriginal people represent a quarter of the Community Services client base and I am delighted to recognise the essential contribution Aboriginal staff make to the work of Community Services," the Minister said.



KEITH HINTON

Tourism work is rewarded



SOME of the best that Indigenous tourism has to offer have been

honoured with State and Territory industry awards.

South Australian Indigenous tour company Bookabee Tours Australia took out a 'hat trick', recently winning an SA Tourism Award for the third year running.

The latest win puts the tour company in the SA Tourism Hall of Fame, and it will now compete in the National 2009 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards next month in Hobart.

The award came soon after Bookabee picked up another award – The Opal Award for Best New Experience at Corroboree The Americas, which was held in September.

The awards have topped off a successful year for Bookabee, with visitor numbers already up 52 per cent on 2008. The company ran its first tour in 2005.

Meanwhile, at the recent NSW Tourism Awards, Booderee National Park took out two of the top prizes on offer – the best tourism attraction and best Indigenous tourism experience in the state.

Organisers said the awards recognised the park's commitment to offering visitors the best of Jervis Bay – white sands, wildlife, clear waters and a chance to engage with the cultural history of the region.

The park achieves this

through successful joint management between its traditional owners, the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community, and the Australian Government.

Traditional owner and botanic gardens curator Bernie McLeod accepted the awards on behalf of the Wreck Bay community and the park.

"I'm very excited, not just for myself, but also for the whole community, for the whole park," he said.

"I think the community is going to really benefit from this. Booderee has been a hidden gem and winning awards like this really puts our name out there.

Achievement

"It's just a great achievement, and everyone has been involved in what we're doing. It's the whole south coast that has really been involved, extended family up and down the coast.

"These awards help us to open our doors to the wider community to see what we have here. A lot of people don't know this place or have even been to Booderee."

More than half of Booderee's staff is Indigenous. They manage Australia's only Aboriginal-owned botanic gardens and work in every area of the park, from park rangers to visitor guides.

More than 400,000 people visited the park in 2009, taking advantage of its family friendly atmosphere, camping, bushwalking, bird and whale watching.



Pictured after collecting their third consecutive SA Tourism Award are Bookabee Tours Australia Directors Lele Sanderson and Haydyn Bromley.



From left, Louise Bargwanna, Bernie McLeod, Lorraine Ardler and Morgan Brown celebrate the Booderee National Park's win at the NSW Tourism Awards ceremony in Sydney.

Specialist doctors for the Kimberley



TWO new specialist doctors are to be appointed to work in Western Australia's Kimberley following a review of services.

State Health Minister Kim Hames said the appointments would ensure Kimberley residents

had access to specialist health care close to where they lived.

The appointment of a new paediatrician (a doctor who treats children and babies) will bring to three the total number in the region. A second physician also will be sought.

Deadline nears for woman of year



PEOPLE are being urged to act quickly to send in nominations for this year's NSW Woman of the Year. Nominations close this Friday 15 January for the award,

which recognises outstanding women across the State.

NSW Minister for Women Jodi McKay said the award would acknowledge women who had demonstrated excellence and success in their field and motivated other girls and women.

Applications forms are available at the NSW Office for Women's Policy website – www.women.nsw.gov.au or by calling the office on (02) 9228 3141.

Indigenous young love film a winner



THE Australian Catholic Film Office has awarded its 2009 Film of the Year title to Warwick Thornton and Kath Shelper's *Samson and Delilah*.

"The jury deliberated over *Balibo*, *Beautiful Kate*, *Blessed*, *Mao's Last Dancer*, *Mary and Max*, *Samson and Delilah* and *The Boys Are Back*, before deciding on this universally acclaimed drama," jury chair Fr Richard Leonard said.

Samson and Delilah is about young love in a remote Indigenous community which survives a move away from country, drug addiction, homelessness and desperate poverty.

"*Delilah's* fidelity to *Samson* is the moral core of this magnificent film," Fr Leonard observed.

"The inversion of the Biblical story was not lost in the jury either, where the name *Delilah* means Night, while *Samson* means the Sun."

Mabo ruling judge to head watchdog



A RETIRED judge who played a major role in the Mabo native title case has been appointed to head Queensland's anti-corruption watchdog.

Martin Moynihan has been appointed as new Chairman of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC).

Mr Moynihan was appointed to the Queensland Supreme Court in 1984 and after his retirement two years ago conducted a major review of the Queensland judicial system.

He came to prominence for the role he played in the Mabo case, when the High Court relied on his findings in the Supreme Court to make its landmark decision recognising native title. – AAP

Sydney welcome for visiting prince



PRINCE William will receive a traditional welcome at a Sydney community centre during his official visit to Australia this month.

The 27-year-old second in line to the throne will be in Australia from 19-21 January.

Prince William is reported as wanting to get 'better acquainted with the country and people', and the welcome is part of his official program. – AAP

Turbine generates pride



Gawa students Bungudul Munyaryun and Birriminybuy Dhammarandji in front of the wind turbine at their Elcho Island community.



Gawa school classmates Ganbalatj Garrawurra and Badanganba Yunupingu.



- ABOVE: Garulbinda-Warraday Gurruwiwi watches the older students dance.
- RIGHT: One of the school's senior students, Gaymilmil Gamalangga, painted up for the celebration dance.

Wind of hope powers Gawa

Story and photos DALE WEBSTER



ONE of the remotest schools in Australia has celebrated the commissioning of a new power source that will bring 24-hour electricity to their community for the first time.

A stand-alone wind turbine that is believed to be the biggest private, off-the-grid facility of its type in the Southern Hemisphere now stands over Gawa, on the eastern tip of Elcho Island off the northern Arnhem Land coast. The turbine will replace unreliable generators that have been using diesel costing up to \$80,000 a year despite being run for only part of the day.

"My father would be very proud of this," said Kathy Guthadjaka (Gotha), who during the 1980s helped bring the children back to their homeland from the Galiwinku

community at his request. The journey took six months as a group of 26 men, women and children cut a road to the site of where the community now sits.

Gotha, who had been a teacher in Galiwinku, began teaching the children under a tarpaulin as a volunteer for six months until the NT Government agreed to register the school and re-employ her.

The school is now run by the NT Christian Schools Association (NTCSA), which has been instrumental in securing the wind turbine for the community.

It has not been without pain, however, with the journey testing emotions, finances and faith.

"There has never been any question that the community wasn't worth it, but it

has been a long, testing road to the point we are now at," NTSCA Chief Executive Officer Geoff Bateman said.

"The idea for the tower was conceived two years ago when the school successfully applied for funding for the project under the Federal Government's Renewable Remote Power Generation Program.

"We did the sums and it seemed a no-brainer. The scheme would provide a 50 per cent rebate once the turbine was commissioned so we just had to be able to carry the burden of the projected \$600,000 cost until the job was completed.

"The bank was satisfied that with the annual savings to be made it was a viable project, so we engaged a system designer and project manager, and contracted for a suitable turbine from a French manufacturer.

"Europe is far more advanced in the production of these systems so

there wasn't an alternative to purchasing off-shore. A contract was signed and a \$92,000 deposit on the wind turbine paid, with the anticipated delivery date to be mid-year in line with the need to complete the project before the Government's August 2008 deadline.

"After a while the French manufacturer became hard to contact and we entered a period of increasing silence. Deadlines for delivery passed. The global financial crisis had hit and after a while it became evident the company had run into difficulties and finally gone under, taking our money with it.

"The realisation that we had lost the deposit and could not make the deadline for the rebate was gut-wrenching."

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Head teacher Lara Hvala reads *Big Wind Coming* to Gawa students. The book was written and illustrated by the children to celebrate the new wind turbine.

in remote NT community

Kathy Guthadjaka (Gotha) watches on during the celebrations in Gawa ... "My father would be very proud of this."



● From facing page

It was the start of 2009 and Mr Bateman said the NTSCA had to look hard at whether it was going to abandon the project. The association had lost the \$92,000 deposit, the cost of all the work that had been done to that point, and the government rebate was due to expire.

But as this reality unfolded in Darwin, about 560kms away as the crow flies the diesel generators at Gawa had failed once more – this time for a period of three weeks. The community was waiting in hope of the wind turbine.

"We had people living by torchlight, classes being held under trees outside – but the kids kept turning up to school," Mr Bateman said. "We knew we had to keep going."

A decision was made to absorb the loss in the short term, negotiate with the Government to extend the deadline for the project rebate, and find another company to supply a wind turbine.

The technology was sourced this time from a Danish company, The Wind Factory, who were, according to Mr Bateman, 'as good as the other was bad'.

"These guys were terrific to work with, but that's not to say it was smooth sailing from that point on," he said.

"The replacement turbine was an older, refurbished model and this meant that the system had to be re-engineered. This caused further delays and expense.

"We've had to go back to the Government and beg for more time again, and to say the logistics of building a wind turbine of this size at one of the remotest schools in Australia has been a bit of a challenge would be an understatement."

In the end, the \$600,000 project spun out to more than \$1 million. To everyone's relief, the turbine was officially commissioned on 27 November just days before the final extended deadline for the rebate.

\$500,000 out of pocket

But that still leaves the NTSCA about \$500,000 out of pocket if the remainder cannot be raised by private donations or sponsorships.

"I guess the ongoing savings would eventually offset the cost blowout, but in the meantime it will be very hard for Gawa and the NTSCA to absorb," Mr Bateman said.

"The last thing we want to do is have to pull money out of, or delay, other programs that support Indigenous education in order to finance the debt.

"But this project had to be finished.

"The rationalists might say this is too much to spend on a remote community. The rationalists might say the school shouldn't be there, it should be in town.

"But that's not true. The community is focused and functional. The school is working.

"There are about 60 kids enrolled now and attendance is around 80 per cent. Lives are being changed.

"We expect many of the students will go on to complete their education, if not at Gawa then at Marrara Christian College in Darwin. "These children have a very bright future."

With the turbine officially commissioned, the community is now waiting in anticipation for their first day of 24-hour power solely generated by wind, which is expected to be some time this month after engineers return to fine tune the system.



'We expect many of the students will go on to complete their education, if not at Gawa then at Marrara Christian College in Darwin. These children have a very bright future.' – NT Christian Schools Association CEO Geoff Bateman

Women pioneering course



ABORIGINAL women in southern NSW are pioneering a

new workshop model which they believe has real future prospects for their people.

The women, from the Eurobodalla region, are taking part in a health and leadership program with an initial focus on media production training.

Facilitator Lou Glover says she is excited about the prospects and opportunities arising from the workshops.

She has been working with Anglicare on the program, which is being funded through the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

In the first program stage,



Workshop participants, back from left, Sharyn Close, Heather May, Tracy Simon and Lou Glover and, front, Robyn Goodsell and Poppy Stockell.

participants have learned and practised interviewing techniques and production roles. Film-maker Poppy Stockell has joined Ms

Glover to teach camera and sound techniques.

"With their new skills, the women are equipped to record Elders' stories, some

of which we'll get as part of this program," Ms Glover said.

"The group is ... moving and shaking on a health video project already."

The program structure has been open-ended, allowing the women to decide what direction to take.

Participant Heather May was pleased with the workshop.

"Trust, respect and support was evident ... this has led to an enthusiasm and passion to make a very real difference in our communities," she said.

Participants are now planning a workshop on writing funding submissions, to be held at Moruya on 21 January. All people in the Eurobodalla are welcome to attend. For details, call Ms Glover on 0423 122 222.



Young Indigenous man Lester Nehow, who features in the Share Your Story calendar.

Workers to aid Alice families



TWO social workers and two Aboriginal caseworkers will be employed in Alice Springs to assist families struggling to care for their children. The Federal and Northern Territory

governments said last week that \$1.5 million would be given to the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) to expand its Targeted Family Support Service. The funding will allow CAAC to expand its case management capacity from 15 to 50 families, and is part of the Alice Springs Transformation Plan, which is jointly funded by the governments.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said early intervention to support vulnerable families was vital.

"We know that early intervention, through intensive targeted services, can

make all the difference for parents who are struggling to cope," she said.

"Many families and children face a range of problems, including domestic violence and substance abuse. It's important to intervene early to help people get the advice and services they

"The number of children becoming involved in the child protection system continues to increase," Mr Hampton said.

"We need to encourage the capacity building of families to ensure child well-being comes first.

"The expansion of this service will complement other family support work being done in our community and allow for early identification and intervention."

The Ministers said a further \$100,000 had been provided to the CAAC to employ an additional alcohol counsellor who began work in September.

This was expected to build on the success of the 'Grog Mob' program which offered counselling and rehabilitation programs to meet the high demand for non-residential rehabilitation and treatment services.

'We need to encourage the capacity building of families to ensure child well-being comes first' – Karl Hampton

need to care for their children."

NT Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton said it was critical to support early intervention models to prevent children from entering the child protection system.

Lester more than happy to tell story



LESTER NEHOW is one of 12 Queenslanders chosen to share their stories in a 2010 calendar which aims to create greater awareness about issues facing people with a disability.

Acting Disability Services Minister Desley Boyle recognised the 12 Queenslanders who have been selected to feature in the free 2010 Share Your Story calendar.

"This is a truly motivating collection of stories from Queenslanders who are sharing not only their experiences but their triumphs and achievements as well," Ms Boyle said.

"We always get a solid response to our request for stories, and Lester's is a great inclusion in the 2010 calendar."

Lester, who has Asperger's Syndrome, is a young Indigenous man in Year 11 at high school. He said that since moving from Mackay to Brisbane in 2006, his life had turned round.

Community

He now participates in a range of sporting activities with his new friends and enjoys giving back to his community.

"I am now on a committee for Inala Youth Services and help to arrange events for young adolescents," Lester said.

He names his dad as his greatest supporter and has been a major influence in his life.

"I love my Dad and without him I would be lost. My dad says that his life with me has been amazing even though he has had ups and downs," Lester said.

"Dad's dream for me is that I have a great life."

Featured in the month of February, Lester said he would love to have children when he was older and live a happy life.

Member of Parliament for Algerie – where Lester now lives – Karen Struthers said Share Your Story gave people with a disability an opportunity to express their experiences, opinions, hopes and dreams.

The free Share Your Story calendar is available from Department of Communities offices and Queensland Government Agent Program offices.

Calendar stories along with other stories submitted can also be viewed online at www.disability.qld.gov.au



At the baptism, back row from left, Sharni Cooper, Troi Ilsley, St Peter's Primary School Koori Educator Donna Widdicombe, Tahrina Austin, Bronson Ilsley and Elaya Austin; front, from left, Alex Cooper and Jamaica Ilsley. Also baptised, but not pictured, was Jayde Couzens.

Bendigo baptism for eight children



EIGHT Aboriginal children aged between two and 13 were baptised in

a joint service recently at Bendigo, Victoria

The collective baptism, performed by Father Rom Hayes at St Peter's Catholic Primary School in North Bendigo, was a first for the Sandhurst Diocese.

The ceremony incorporated Aboriginal ritual into the traditional Christian baptism.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria Co-ordinator Vicki

Walker said the ceremony was 'a momentous occasion for the Sandhurst Diocese'.

Four of the girls baptised are regular members of the Red Ochre Dancers, and after the ceremony they performed traditional Aboriginal dances including a cleansing dance.

Parents prepared the supper and the Bendigo District Aboriginal Corporation provided funds for the catering.

St Peter's Primary School Koori Educator Donna Widdicombe said the baptism was 'a special day that everyone present would remember'.



One of the exhibits at the 'Lotjpa: Speaking to' exhibition now on show at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Exhibition speaks to people



A NEW photographic exhibition showcasing the Aboriginal community of Shepparton, Victoria, is on show in the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum until 21 February.

The exhibition, 'Lotjpa: Speaking to', showcases a series of photographs of the Shepparton Aboriginal community taken by local Koorie youth.

Video and audio recordings of 'yarns' or stories told to the young participants in the project by Elders and locals accompany the images.

Bunjilaka Manager Caroline Martin said the goal of the Lotjpa project was to help youth in the Shepparton area connect with their history and with the stories of the Elders in their community.

"Oral communication – telling and sharing stories – is such an important

part of Aboriginal culture," she said.

"The young people taking part in this special project have helped continue this tradition by sharing the stories and journeys of their Elders and community. It is fantastic to be able to exhibit this to the Bunjilaka audience in Melbourne."

The young participants in 'Lotjpa: Speaking to' also took part in workshops and gained technical skills related to still and video photography.

NSW Office of Water

An application (85CA751240) for a Water Supply Works and Water Use Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from Bourke Shire Council as follows:- In the Warrego Water Source of the Great Arterian Basin Water Sharing Plan for one (1) bore (12 L/s) on Lot 2370 DP 1129053, Parish Talaa, County Gunderbooka for town water supply, stock and domestic purposes.

Written and signed objections specifying the grounds for the objection must be lodged with the NSW Office of Water, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 before close of business on the 10th February, 2010.

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Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

Wollongong Harbour, Cliff Rd, Wollongong

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 25 February 2010.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing.

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534, or Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565.

Heritage Council of New South Wales

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Crowds pack Xmas event



INDIGENOUS men, women and children from around north Queensland were among

crowds at the annual Stable on the Strand held in Townsville from December 19-23. An estimated 60,000 people attended the event, in Strand Park, over five nights.

Stable on the Strand, organised by the Combined Churches of Townsville, included a 'Village of Bethlehem' which had hundreds of craftspeople, Roman soldiers and shepherds bringing to life the Christmas story.

The Koori Mail was there and spoke to hundreds of Indigenous people.

The Doyle family, from Mount Isa, including Bessie Doyle and her children Scott, 8, baby Tristan, and cousins Shanic, Jaycie and Nita loved it.

"This is the first time we have been to this and it has been great for all of us coming from so far away as Mount Isa," Bessie said.

Townsville's Agita family, including dad Wordman, mum Moera, daughter Miriam, 11, and son Benova, 7, were there.

"We are all Christians and



● ABOVE: Scott Anderson with some food from the Australian Indigenous Ministry stall.

● TOP LEFT: The Agita family – dad Wordman, mum Moera, daughter Miriam, 11, and son Benova, 7.

● LEFT: The Doyle Family from Mount Isa, from left, Bessie, Shanic, Jaycie and Nita.

this really tells the Christmas story," Moera said.

Former Townsville and Aboriginal Islander Cultural Centre Manager Scott Anderson had just bought some food from the Australian Indigenous Ministries stall when we saw him.

"I am at Bible College here and this is really good," he said.

Torres Strait Islander woman Louisa Pilot was in her wheelchair with carer Kerri McCann, who said it was good to see so many families.

Christmas carols were sung at 7pm and 9pm each night and there were performances by illusionist Christopher Wayne and singer Steve Grace, while *Australian Idol* finalist Tim Johnston took to the stage on 22 December. – by Alf Wilson

PUBLIC NOTICE

WANGAN AND JAGALINGOU PEOPLE QUD 85/04 NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **WANGAN AND JAGALINGOU PEOPLE** are currently described as the descendants of the following people:

Descendants of Maggie Tarpot of Clermont
Descendants of Charlie McEvoy of Logan Downs
Descendants of Frank Fisher (Snr) of Clermont
Descendants of Lizzie McAvoy of Logan Downs
Descendants of George McEvoy
Descendants of Polly of Clermont.
Descendants of Mornitja
Descendants of Bob Tarpot of Alpha

In addition the following people have been identified as being associated with the Wangan and Jagalingou people and subject to confirmation by those in attendance at the meeting will be entitled to attend:

Descendants of Jack Malone
Descendants of Jim Malone
Descendants of Maggie Miller
Descendants of Katy of Clermont

All persons who fit the above description or otherwise claim to be Wangan and Jagalingou People are invited to attend a meeting at the time and location below.

Date of Meeting: Saturday 6 February 2010

Venue of Meeting: Renee's Place 1-9 Enterprise Street Bundaberg

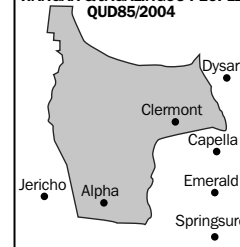
Time of Meeting: 9.00am-4.00pm

The purpose of the meeting:

1. To hear a report from Hancock Coal about their project and the program for negotiation of a Mining Agreement under section 31 of the Native Title Act.
2. To ensure that the Applicant for the claim is properly authorised by the claim group and if not to appoint a new Applicant for the Wangan and Jagalingou Claim in accordance with S66B of the Native Title Act.
3. To authorise the Applicant to amend the claim by:
 - (a) Reducing the claim area
 - (b) Changing the claim group description in accordance with anthropological advice.
4. Discuss the lodgement of a new claim on behalf of the Wangan people around Clermont and Dysart area and the commissioning of anthropological research for that purpose.

The existing claim is situated to the North West of Emerald and East of the Dividing Range, encompassing Clermont and Alpha as shown on the map below:

WANGAN & JAGALINGOU PEOPLE QUD85/2004



Although QSNTS regrets that it is not able to fund travel or accommodation, limited private funding is available to assist with travel to the meeting. Please contact Christine Royan of QSNTS on 1800 663 693 not later than close of business 29th January 2010 to register your intention to attend the authorisation meeting. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to those who attend.



Survival Day 2010



WHILE hundreds of thousands of people across the country will be celebrating 26 January as the anniversary of the arrival of the British on Australia's shores, many others will be marking the day in a more solemn fashion. Survival Day – for some Invasion Day – has been embraced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a day of reflection on the past and rejoicing in the ongoing survival of Indigenous people.

Here are some of the Survival Day events that will be held around the nation this 26 January.

Adelaide

The National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Tandanya will again host Survival Day celebrations in Adelaide. The free event will kick off at 11am and finish at 7pm, with activities at the Rymill Park extension.

A full program of family activities has been planned, including storytelling, comedy, music, art workshops and more.

There will be music and performances by Rough Image, the Glenn Skuthorpe Band, The MERRg, Tony Minniecon, Rankine, Lyndon Reid Band, Sacred, Pascoe Braun and SistaAct.

Karnage N Darknis will also put in an appearance, along with Singin' Sista Band, Kumo Karro and Keriba Tonarr. Kurruru Dance Ensemble will also give a performance on the day. A book launch by Martha Unganpari Edwards will also be held, along with comedy events, art and weaving workshops and storytelling.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti health service will operate a mini-clinic throughout the day. ADAC (SA) will put on a barbecue, with plenty of shade and water to keep families comfortable.

The Tandanya retail shop is also offering up to 50 per cent off some items in a sale that will run until 30 January.

Hobart

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre will run an Invasion Day Unified Protest through the streets of Hobart.

The Invasion Day Protest in Hobart will start from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and proceed to Parliament House for a rally.

Speakers scheduled include Michael Mansell, Nala Mansell-McKenna, many from the local Indigenous community and more. All are welcome.

It starts at the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, 56 Patrick Street, Hobart.

Melbourne

Melbourne will host the Share the Spirit festival 2010 in the Treasury Gardens.

Now in its seventh year, families will be treated to a celebration of Victoria's Aboriginal culture and heritage.

Singer Dan Sultan will headline this year's program. Joining in will be other local and national Indigenous artists.

Share the Spirit will also host a youth program running hip-hop and dance workshops, as well as cultural activities, community market stalls and food stands.

Artistic Director James Henry says the festival was created by Aboriginal people for all Australians to come together and enjoy traditional and contemporary Indigenous song and dance in a



The Yabu band accepting the award for 'most promising new talent' at last year's Too Deadly awards. They will be a headline act again this year at the Perth activities on 26 January.

Perth entertainment will be just Too Solid

By KEN BOASE



THERE will be a feast of entertainment this Survival Day (26 January) in Perth, with the inaugural Too Solid music festival in the Supreme Court Gardens on the Perth foreshore.

The Too Solid festival is being hosted by Noongar Radio in co-operation with the Indigenous music academy Abmusic and the City of Perth. Headline acts include the Yabu Band, Downsyde and Paul Carrow, otherwise known as the 'Black Poet.'

Mr Carrow, a 30-year-old Yamatji man from Geraldton, said he was inspired to take up a music career out of his

experiences with racism and related issues, including the lack of employment opportunities.

"A lot of people know who I am and where I come from and personally I think I have come a long way," he said.

"If they see that one person has made a difference, it just might make them change the way they think, act and live.

"I believe I have a big impact on my generation as well as our younger generation too.

"I want everyone to know that what I do isn't only for my personal benefit, but to let people know that anything is possible, especially for those who think they cannot do anything or make something of themselves."

The Yabu band is perhaps

one of WA's best-known Indigenous music groups and features the talents of original members Delson and Boyd Stokes, who drew their inspiration from their native Wongatha heritage of the WA Goldfields around Kalgoorlie.

The Yabu sound is best described as desert rock/reggae.

The other headline act is WA hip-hop band Downsyde, now in their 13th year, who have featured in some of Australia's major music festivals over the years.

Noongar Radio Chief Executive Officer Michelle White said the Too Solid festival was a major milestone for the new community station which began broadcasting just six months ago.

"Noongar Radio will broadcast live from the festival throughout the day, showcasing the amazing Indigenous talent we have in Western Australia," she said.

Abmusic event co-ordinator Jade Masters said he hoped the event would attract all Australians and tourists.

"This is a celebration of our culture, but it is a celebration for everyone because, after all, we are all Australian," he said.

Ms White said the day would also feature a strong line-up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists performing music across a range of genres including hip-hop, soul, contemporary, funk and traditional Aboriginal dance.

celebration of Aboriginal culture and survival.

Other performers include Bart Willoughby, Deline Briscoe, Aces Choir led by Joe Geia and Lou Bennett, Lee Morgan, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Djolpa McKenzie and The Charcoal Club.

Free entry is from 2pm to 8pm, and the event is alcohol-free.

Sydney

In Sydney, the main event will be Yabun 2010 from noon-6.30 in Victoria Park, Broadway.

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Service, Yabun will feature a program that brings together politics, art and craft, literature, music and children's activities.

Highlights this year include Bunna Lawrie, hip-hop group The Last Kinection, Zennith, OKA, Maupower and Sharnee Fenwick. Anthony Green will be there along with South West Syndicate, Shellie Morris and The Black Turtles.

Sean Choolburra and Lillian Crombie will MC the event.

Yabun will be launching a new youth stage called 'Break n Shake' sponsored by Gadigal Info.

There also will be the kids' zone, jarjum tent for the 'littlies' as well as an Elders' tent.

Brisbane

Musgrave Park Cultural Centre in South Brisbane will host a fundraising event on the day.

The event will be promoted as Rage against Racism, and the cultural centre is looking for bands, dancers, performers, stage crew, equipment, providers of food, and security guards to be part of a fundraising event that will help to keep going the operational side of the cultural centre.

Organisers say company sponsorship, donations and expressions of interest will be welcomed.





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9am	"BLACKCHAT" <i>News and Current Affairs</i> Paulette Whitton					Mixed Music	<i>and Community News</i>
10am						SPORT Dan Conifer	Marloo's Bloo's Blues Music Marlene Cummins
12pm	Koori Drop <i>Feat "Our Place"</i>	Deadly Sounds	SBS Aboriginal	MISS ASHLEE <i>RnB/Soul/Indigenous</i>	ABC Awaye	Black Roots Music & Oration	Mixed Music
1pm						Ibo Jah	
2pm	"OUR YURA" <i>Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Music</i> Marlene Cummins					Tangata Whenua News, Views, Mixed Music Tangata Whenua Crew	Ina Meriba Wakai Torres Strait Islander Show Helen Anu
4pm	"Young, Black & Deadly" Helen T Renee JRJ Ricky Miss V <i>Youth Orientated, News, Interviews, Giveaways, Hip Hop, R'n'B, Soul</i>					The Secretary <i>Reggae/World Music</i> Trish Daniels	Sunday Classics <i>Old School</i> Reenz
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Oskar Parups-Bishop, who is about to turn ten, is already an accomplished didgeridoo player, according to his dad actor Paul Bishop (right). Here he is making his own didg with Matt Anderson, owner of Mullawarr Didgeridoo Making Workshop and Art Gallery.



Aboriginal artist and musician David Williams joins James Morrison on stage to combine the traditional with the contemporary. Audiences were delighted with the results.



Mullawarr artist Matthew Anderson with one of his pieces.



Tagai Zugubau performers and audience members join together for some song and dance.



North Queensland indie band The Medics rocked the festival.



The Miwatj Aboriginal group on stage.



Enjoying the festival were, from left, Jinibara traditional owner Noel Blair, Noel Blair Jnr, Owen Weazel and Uncle Evan Blackman.



Performers young and old were a feature at the Woodford Festival.



Torres Strait Islander performance group Tagai Zugubau at Woodford.



Deadly far north Queensland band Bayjah with their special brand of original rock music, which includes the didgeridoo.

Culture rocks at Woodford

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



GUMBOOTS by the thousand in every design imaginable sloshed through the muddy fields at the latest Woodford Folk Festival, which closed on 1 January.

But despite the frequent downpours that plagued the six-day festival, visitors could not get enough of the hundreds of arts, cultural and musical highlights on offer at the south-east Queensland event, held on the country of the Jinibara people.

About 115,000 people packed the festival, and by day one the First Nations Tent was a popular choice for local and international visitors alike.

Yolngu weaving workshops run by the Sharing Culture gallery were a popular venue for festival-goers, with groups of women and children vying for a place.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to three generations of a local family who said learning the weaving together had been a festival highlight for them. They had particularly valued informal chats with the teachers which they said gave insights into Yolngu culture.

The three later joined the women's traditional dance class, where people of all ages gathered on the sand in a fun and informal setting led by Yolngu women Djawundil Maymuru and Rosealee Pearson.

At the other end of the scale, contemporary band The Medics rocked with their blend of indie beats, and created a buzz that attracted a large lunch-time crowd on day one. A midnight show the following night got the crowd pumping well into the early hours.

The young band, from Cairns in north Queensland, have just released their



A members from the Miwatj Aboriginal group performs.

second EP *This Boat We Call Love*, due out early this year.

Microwave Jenny duo Brendon Boney and Tessa Nuku also drew crowds with their blend of alternative jazz and pop. One of three winners of the national Breakthrough grant to help up-and-coming musicians, the pair have recorded their first album, due out this year, and are fast earning a reputation for their smooth harmonies and clever lyrics.

Doonooch Dancers and Miwatj Aboriginal dance groups and Torres Strait Islander performers Tagai Zugubau drew crowds to the First Nations tent with their traditional dance and song.

Street Warriors joined the stage for another solid performance in the wake of the release of their debut album *Unstoppable Force*, and are set to tour this year.



Malachi Clevens, 6, tries his skills in the circus tent at Woodford. His mum Nicole and sister Darrygn, 8, all of Brisbane, watch on.



Djawundil Maymuru with the beginnings of a traditional weave.



One of the Tagai Zugubau dancers performing.

15,000 pack Adelaide



The crowd watches dancer Albert David.



Spirit Festival organisers Chris Iley (Site Production Manager) Karl Telfer (Artistic Director) and Dearna Newchurch (Logistics Co-ordinator) with young Jakirah Telfer.



Spirit Festival co-patron and former AFL star Gavin Wanganeen.



Mark Atkins performs.



Participants in the 3-on-3 basketball event held as part of the festival.



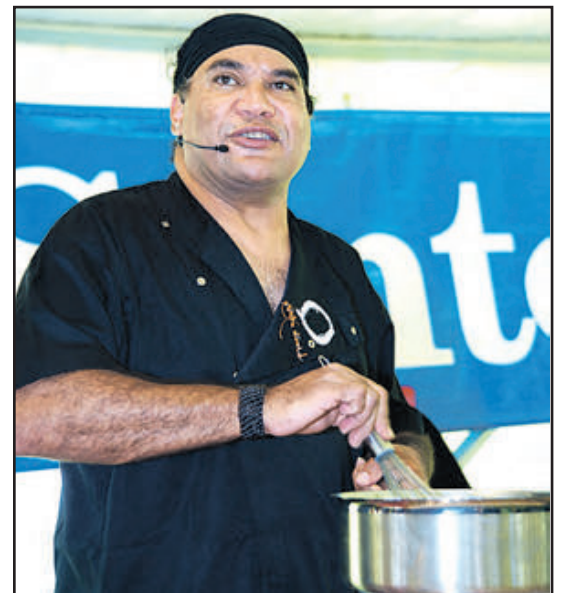
Emma Donovan performs.



Christine Anu was there.



Auntie Josie Agius with members of her family.



Celebrity chef Mark Olive, also known as 'The Black Olive'.



Jimmy Little proved popular.



Simone Love enjoyed the festival with some of her family.



Nikki Ashby on stage.

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Spirit alive in SA



Enjoying the festival were local girls Bianca Doolan, Kristy Aspinall, Kristen Forbes, Katlin Forbes, Sigrid Schanz and Rush McKay. All photos by ANTONY CIROCCO



Tania Sansbury and her family at the festival.



MORE than 15,000 Aboriginal and other people celebrated the world's oldest living culture at last month's Spirit Festival, held in Adelaide.

ARIA Award winner Jessica Mauboy headlined a star-studded line-up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, which also featured Archie Roach, Christine Anu, Jimmy Little, Emma Donovan and Dan Sultan.

Spirit Festival Artistic Director Karl Telfer said he was thrilled to see such a big crowd enjoying the festival – a 50 per cent increase in audience on the previous year's event.

"Families from around South Australia enjoyed a weekend of perfect weather and incredible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent," he said.

"There is no doubt that with such a diverse range of artists and entertainment the Spirit Festival is fast becoming one of the highlight festivals of the year."

Tandanya Director Philip Watkins, who was the event manager for the 2009 festival, said the gathering was exciting and culturally rich.

"The attendance was fantastic, with at least 15,000 people spending time enjoying the amazing diversity and vibrancy of the many cultures being represented across the weekend," he said.

"The people attending came from everywhere – community, the broader public, and people from nations all around the world."

The festival also featured an exhibition of Aboriginal art and the sights and sounds of



Jessica Mauboy performs for the festival crowd.

cultural performances from Kurruru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts, Kuma Karro, Tal Kin Jeri and Inma.

Aboriginal chef Mark Olive gave cooking demonstrations with the help of Tauondi College students.

Basketball SA and the Office for Recreation and Sport hosted 3-on-3 basketball and traditional Aboriginal games.

The Spirit Festival emerged from a recommendation in Monsignor David Cappo's 'To Break The Cycle' report, where community consultations highlighted a desire for more positive visibility of Aboriginal young people.



Anangu share old stories through inma (ceremony) in Adelaide.

Project wins top award



A PROJECT giving Aboriginal people training and employment in civil construction projects has been recognised at the fifth annual East Kimberley Aboriginal Achievement Awards (EKAAA), held at the Kununurra Leisure Centre.

Technical and professional services consultancy AECOM and its Team Savannah Project won the Outstanding Contribution to Employment and Training of Aboriginal People section at the

event, which was co-ordinated by the Wunan Foundation.

The Team Savannah project involved the development of an Aboriginal Trainee Employment Program for 10 traineeships in Certificate II Civil Construction and Business Administration for young Gija people and people living on Gija land.

The project also provided direct employment and contract work on the upgrading of the Great Northern Highway in the Kimberley region, with 14 per cent of the workforce employed in direct construction roles.

Nine Aboriginal contractors from the East Kimberley region were also employed on the Great Northern Highway Kimberley Project during the construction phase.

AECOM Technical Director Abra De Klerk said the impact on young Aboriginal people was inspirational.

"We are very proud of our contribution to the East Kimberley, especially our contribution to the employment and training of local Aboriginal people. We believe the legacy of our work is a more capable local workforce," he said.



Members of the Team Savannah Project, who have received training and employment for an AECOM Program.



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NT Families and Children - Darwin
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The Mobile Child Protection Team is based in Darwin but works across the Northern Territory except for the urban areas of Darwin and Palmerston.

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Closing date: 22 January 2010

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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Our mob on job caring for our coast



North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) volunteers tagging and counting the local turtle population.



AUSTRALIA'S 36,700km of coastline was in the spotlight recently as Coastcare Week

celebrated volunteers and Coastcare projects around Australia.

Among them were programs involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Coastcare CEO Heather Campbell said the week was also about encouraging other Australians to get involved.

"We applaud our volunteers who get their hands dirty, sandy and wet to ensure that damage to our coastal environment systems is minimal and future generations can enjoy Australia's beautiful coastline," she said.

Among the hundreds of projects, the Tiwi Land Council (TLC), at very top of the Northern Territory, has been working to stabilise coastal erosion, control invasive weeds and employ marine rangers to manage the area through the Tiwi Landcare Project.

Works already carried out include planting seedlings to replace trees that have been cleared, creating buffer zones to prevent damage of ecosystems, caring for heritage sites and surveying threatened species.

The project also aims to develop an independent economy and employment opportunities for the people of the Tiwi islands.



Tiwi Land Council Coastcare workers on the job.

Tasmania

The South-East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation (SETAC) has started a stabilisation and rehabilitation project on a degraded coastal midden site of

great significance to the local community.

Coastcare says that, starting as a small project, the program has developed into an initiative which has captured knowledge, high levels of local credibility

and is marked by the passion and drive of those involved.

Funding has also helped SETAC develop a site management plan for the Deep Bay cultural heritage site in southern Tasmania.

North Australia

The North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) Dugong and Marine Turtle Project won a Coastcare Award at the 2007 NT Landcare Awards and was a finalist in 2008 for the Australian Government Coastcare Award category.

The project is Indigenous-run and brings together Saltwater people from the Kimberley coast, Top End, Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait to take a leading role in the protection and management of the marine creatures and their habitats.

Project activities include the development and implementation of community-based management plans, mapping and monitoring essential habitats such as seagrass beds, protecting turtle nesting beaches from feral animals and marine debris and tagging and counting nesting turtles and tracking their migrations by satellite.

Coastcare says the project also allows Indigenous people across northern Australia to share knowledge and experience with each other, as well as with other people around the country and overseas, through ranger exchanges and innovative communication tools.

● For more details on Coastcare, visit the website www.coastcare.com.au

'We applaud our volunteers who get their hands dirty, sandy and wet to ensure that damage to our coastal environment systems is minimal and future generations can enjoy Australia's beautiful coastline' – Coastcare CEO Heather Campbell

Dreaming time for Wharton



Veteran actor Kelton Pell in a scene from *The Fence*.

The Fence a feature of city festival

By MARGARET SMITH



LEADING Indigenous actor Kelton Pell takes centre stage at this month's Sydney Festival in a new play called *The Fence*.

The veteran performer is joined by Koori actors Vicki van Hout and Richard Green for the Urban Theatre Projects production which tells the story of a young Aboriginal woman, played by van Hout, returning to see her brother, played by Pell, after a long absence.

Van Hout says her character, one of the Stolen Generations, has been 'running away from everything'. Her brother's friends are also confronting their demons, until they work through their issues.

The cast has had a tough rehearsal period, with the actors being encouraged to participate in the process of creating the play.

Director Alicia Talbot says

The Fence has been created from – but is not about – the collaborators' real-life experiences.

"It is essentially an artistic enquiry about five people who have experienced healing and trauma, discovering their wisdom. We have then set it over one night, collapsed into a 90-minute moment in time," she said.

Challenging

Van Hout says she has found the process very challenging and different from her main profession – dancing. She has been a part of Bangarra Dance Theatre and is now working with NAISDA dance school devising an Indigenous dance technique, as well as creating her own work.

"*The Fence* has taught me a lot ... We've had frank discussions in the rehearsal period to help us shape our characters, and to make it a more real, tangible

process," she said.

"The play is about each of us being a little bit damaged, getting together, and finding a way to break through."

Kelton Pell has travelled to Sydney from Perth, where he has just completed the last episode of SBS TV's *The Circuit*, set in Broome.

In *The Fence*, Pell's character lives in a household with his girlfriend and with his friend, played by Richard Green.

The Aboriginal organisation Link-Up was called in to help the actors with Stolen Children roles.

Pell has played leading roles in *One Night the Moon* and *Australian Rules* and has been a special guest at the Sundance Film Festival in America.

● *The Fence* opens today (13 January) and continues until 30 January at Riverside Theatres, Parramatta. More details and bookings on (02) 8839 3399 or 1300 668 812.



SINGING the songs of his parents and family is something Robert Wharton is set to share with the release of his second album.

Wharton, from the small town of Oakey in south-east Queensland, has titled his latest work *Dreaming*.

It features a mix of reggae, country and traditional tracks which the singer says have a message of unity and inner spirit.

Dreaming, which is also the title of the single from the album, follows Wharton's original release *My Endless Dreams*.

The single, performed with fellow musician Josh Arnold, is in rotation on Sydney radio stations.

Arnold, whose songs have been played on US TV series *The Ghost Whisperer*

as well as home-grown shows *Home and Away*, *City Homicide* and *Neighbours*, is full of praise for Wharton's work.

"As with any great music there are other forces at work in Robert's songs, and his spirituality is evident throughout as well as his intense connection to nature, culture and the welfare of his people, which represents

his incredible pride as an Aboriginal man," Arnold says.

"Robert's spirit pours out in each of the 12 tracks on *Dreaming*."

Wharton said his album had been 'a lifetime in the making'.

"Now is the right time for me to share this music with people outside my family," he said.

"Dad taught me to pick guitar when I was about five; music is a

big part of our family and I remember walking into rooms filled with instruments and thinking they were all gold!"

Wharton is Kooma (near Cunnamulla) on his father's side and Mardigan (near Quilpie) on his mother's.

His musical influences, aside from family, include Slim Dusty, Foster and Allen, Lindsay Butler, Johnny Cash and Johnny Horton. His uncle is poet and story-teller



ROBERT WHARTON

Herb Wharton.

"Uncle Herb has been a great support, not just introducing me to the Woodford Folk Festival and the Dreaming, but also encouraging me to go for my goals," Wharton said.

To listen to tracks from *Dreaming* go to: www.myspace.com/robertwharton09

Redcliffe Library, locals seek special artwork



REDCLIFFE Library and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are looking for an artwork to feature at a planned

Indigenous Welcoming Place in the Brisbane suburb.

Indigenous artists from south-east Queensland and northern NSW have been invited to submit concepts for the art.

The chosen artist will receive \$2000 for their finished work, which can be a painting, digital

artwork, or a sculpture. It will be on permanent display as the centrepiece of the library's Welcoming Place when it opens in March.

Interested artists are asked to provide an A3 colour sketch of their submission by 8 February. The selection criteria for the artwork are listed in an Expression of Interest flyer obtainable from Redcliffe Library.

The chosen artist will be announced on 19 February.

For further information, call (07) 3283 0311.

'Interventions' at Macquarie Uni gallery



A NEW exhibition at the Macquarie University Art Gallery in Sydney aims to explore Australia's Indigenous culture and open up opportunities for intercultural understanding and engagement.

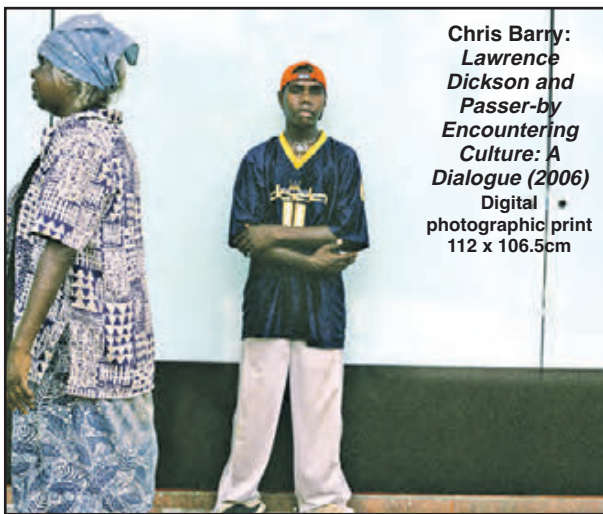
Curator of the exhibition and former Macquarie University research fellow Jennifer Deger has brought together works from leading Indigenous and other artists and anthropologists for the 'interventions' exhibition, which she says breaks new ground in its representation of Indigenous people, communities and culture.

"Every contributing artist

has long-standing and highly personal relationships with Aboriginal people that allow them to experiment creatively with the rich imagery of Aboriginal culture in an informed way," said Deger, now an Australian Research Council postdoctoral fellow at the Centre for Contemporary Art and Politics at the University of NSW.

"There is trust there between the artists and subjects which enables the artists to work creatively with people in their own contexts and on their own terms."

Deger says the 'interventions' exhibition is characterised by a



Chris Barry:
Lawrence
Dickson and
Passer-by
Encountering
Culture: A
Dialogue (2006)
Digital
photographic print
112 x 106.5cm

willingness to play with new forms of media. Photography, video, painting and installation

feature in the show, but the works are approached in new ways that invite viewers to look with, rather

than at, their subjects.

Deger says one of the works, done by her in collaboration with Yolngu artists, subverts traditional approaches to Indigenous art by projecting video images of an Aboriginal man's headstone on to a piece of bark. Deger was granted permission to incorporate the headstone ceremony into an artwork because of her long-standing relationship with the man's family and community in the Northern Territory.

"The aim is to subvert the old-fashioned gaze that objectifies the subject, and work with the viewer to push them into new areas and stimulate their

imaginations," she said.

"These aren't works that have been deliberately created for the fine art market – these are works that are deeply entwined with people's lives, futures and social struggles."

'Interventions: experiments between art and ethnography' features works by Michael Aird, Chris Barry, Jennifer Biddle and Rosie Napurrurla Tasman, Susan Marrawakamirr, David Gurrumurruwuy Bukulatipi and Jennifer Deger, Anthony Redmond and John von Sturmer.

It is free and open until 12 February 2010. Visit <http://www.artgallery.mq.edu.au/> for more details.

Tyhuis takes Cohen award



Winner of Yvonne Cohen Award 2009
Michelle Tyhuis (centre) with Yvonne
Cohen Trustees, Aunt Joy Wandin
and Michelle Evans.



EMERGING artist and broadcast journalist Michelle Tyhuis is the 2009 winner of the national Yvonne Cohen Award. The award, which carries a \$5000 prize, is designed to aid in the creative future potential of a talented young Indigenous Australian artist aged 30 or younger. It is auspiced by the University of Melbourne Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development.

Now in its fifth year, the award honours the memory of the late Yvonne Cohen, a non-Indigenous artist who lived much of her life on Timara Island, north Queensland.

Past recipients include Indigenous performer and producer Lionel Austin (2008) and 2007 winner, actor and musician Mark Cole-Smith.

Michelle Tyhuis is a Torres Strait Islander woman who was raised in Brisbane by her Torres Strait Islander mother and Dutch father.

She says her greatest creative influence has been connecting to her culture and the local Aboriginal community through working at radio station 98.9FM.

Reputation

Tyhuis, who works as a communications manager, has developed a reputation as a graphic and artistic designer. She works in many areas, especially in remote and regional Queensland, developing educational media promotions such as newsletters and community posters.

Among the mother-of-two's many projects has been painting Brisbane

traffic signal boxes with Indigenous designs.

Tyhuis says she will use some of the \$5000 prizemoney to make her first visit to her homeland of Erub, also known as Darnley Island (the most eastern island in the Torres Strait). She says she is keen to work with the community there to learn traditional art and crafts – as well as share her own skills.

Michelle Evans, the head of the Wilin Centre and joint trustee for the Yvonne Cohen Award with Aunt Joy Murphy, says Tyhuis is an excellent example of a young person who is passionate about her people, her community and her art.

"The trustees were very impressed with the way Michelle Tyhuis has grounded her work and artistic voice within the community," she said.

Art Centre Manager

Wirnda Barna Artists, Australia's newest Aboriginal owned art centre, located in Mt Magnet WA, is now recruiting an Art Centre Manager.

The Manager will work with artists and stakeholders to establish this exciting new enterprise. Responsibilities include supporting and developing artists, marketing, funding and financial management and developing Wirnda Barna Artists' creative, social and business capacity.

Salary package is \$70,000 plus 9% superannuation salary sacrifice is available including a vehicle. Job share arrangements could be considered.

For Job Packages and criteria contact Wayne McDonald on 08 9921 0708 applications to be returned to wayne.mcdonald@mwdc.wa.gov.au or PO BOX 238 Geraldton WA 6531. Closing Date: 1 February 2010.

For further information regarding the position contact Tim Acker 0410 038 226 or tim@tracker.net.au



Community Arts Network Western Australia Ltd Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator Southern Wheatbelt

Community Arts Network Western Australia is looking to employ an Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator to facilitate self-determined Indigenous cultural development in the Southern Wheatbelt region through developing opportunities in partnership with other stakeholders. The role includes developing sustainable Indigenous driven arts and cultural development projects that will impact positively on community wellbeing. The geographical focus includes the towns of Brookton, Pingelly, Narrogin and Wagin.

The position will comprise a full time (37.5 hrs per week) 2 year contract and a salary range of \$55 - \$60K dependant on qualifications and experience.

The position requires a person with a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and community development, highly developed interpersonal, written and oral skills, and a demonstrated ability to manage projects.

This position is 'identified' under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act (A) 1984 and as such Aboriginality is deemed an essential requirement for this position.

For a duty statement and selection criteria for the above position go to www.canwa.com.au or email admin@canwa.com.au

For queries in relation to the position contact Managing Director, Pilar Kasat.

Please send your application (addressing the Selection Criteria and enclosing a Curriculum Vitae with two referees) marked **private and confidential** by 5:00pm 1 Feb 2010, addressed to:

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Threasa Zaro and her whiting fish painting.



Ellen Anderson and some of her bird art.

Artists emerge

By ALF WILSON



CULTURAL arts students from the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE in north Queensland made their debut as emerging artists at the recent launch of a show titled 'Identity'. Their display, at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery in Townsville, is open until 28 February.

The public exhibition features the work of Townsville TAFE students enrolled in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts Certificate IV course, and the Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Arts.

Perc Tucker Gallery Director Frances Thomson said the exhibition had become popular and much anticipated across the Townsville region.

"It creates an opportunity for the

students to showcase their new talents and cultural interpretations through painting, printmaking and ceramics," she said.

"As part of their TAFE training, students need to undertake professional practice, so exhibiting their work in a regional gallery provides them with this experience and the opportunity to develop networks in the industry and establish themselves as

emerging artists."

The *Koori Mail* visited the gallery and spoke to artists Donna Ives, Christina Waigana, Threasa Zaro and her sister Ellen Anderson.

"I did some of my paintings with food colouring, and some are of fish swimming," Ms Waigana said.

One work by Ms Zaro featured whiting fish, while birds featured prominently in the art crafted by Ms Anderson.

Christina Waigana with her paintings at the Townsville gallery.



Donna Ives and her painting depicting a policeman's toe print.



Author receives honorary doctorate



MILES Franklin Award winner Alexis Wright (pictured at right) has received an honorary doctorate from the RMIT University in Victoria.

Ms Wright, a Waanyi (north

Queensland) woman, studied professional and creative writing at the Melbourne-based university.

An activist for Aboriginal land rights, she is an award-winning author, taking the prestigious Miles Franklin – Australia's most prestigious literary prize – with

her second novel *Carpentaria*.

Her other books include *Grog War*, *Plains of Promise* and *Take Power*.

Ms Wright has also worked in government departments and Aboriginal agencies across four states and territories as a

professional manager, educator, researcher and writer. Her involvement in many Aboriginal organisations and campaigns has included work on mining, publications, fundraising and land rights both in Australia and overseas.



New doctor ready for the challenge



DANIELLE ARABENA always felt she was a healer. Now the Meriam (Torres Strait) woman is in the perfect position to do

just that, having last month graduated from the University of Queensland as a doctor.

She's started work this month as an intern at Redcliffe in her home city of Brisbane.

It's the beginning of what Dr Arabena hopes will be a successful career in Indigenous medicine, with a focus on women's health.

At 37, Dr Arabena has come relatively late to medicine, and her path has been unusual.

After school she went to university and graduated in the communications field.

Motherhood followed – she has two teenage daughters – and it was during this time she developed her long-time interest in healing.

"I always felt it was in me," Dr Arabena told *The Koori Mail*.

"I became interested in massage and alternative medicine.

"That led me into doing a nursing degree and I worked for some time as a registered nurse.

"But I still wanted to do more, and when the opportunity arose to study medicine, I thought why not."

That was back in 2005. Now,



Danielle Arabena with children she met in Western Australia during her work with the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association.

four years of hard university slog later, she's Dr Arabena – and she couldn't be prouder.

"I am filled with pride – and a little humbled – by what's happened," she said.

"I think I'm just the sixth or seventh Torres Strait Islander doctor.

"I believe this was meant to be because just before my last exam I was in a bad car accident. I should have been injured or worse, but I wasn't.

"I've always been interested in women's health and that's where I'll be looking to practice.

"Down the track I'd like to work at the Inala Indigenous Health Service in Brisbane. It's run by another Indigenous doctor, Noel Hayman, who I have a lot of respect for.

"I'll also be continuing my work with the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association.

"It's a great organisation for our people."



Very proud ... Dr Danielle Arabena. Photo Hardy Loshe

Award to Rumbalara



THE Rumbalara Football Netball Club has taken out

the Award for Community Development at the 2009 Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) awards.

The club was recognised for more than a decade of commitment to building the health of the Indigenous community in its home city of Shepparton while also developing relationships and understanding between Indigenous and other Australians.

VicHealth said Rumbalara had worked with a range of organisations, including local businesses and government, and utilised community development approaches in the creation of a community hub which supported the health and well-being of scores of individuals.



Rumbalara Football Netball Club President Paul Briggs with VicHealth Chief Executive Todd Harper at the awards.

"The club also supports the delivery of programs designed to address the broader social and economic factors impacting on Indigenous health. This marks the 12th anniversary of this partnership,"

VicHealth said.

The Alcohol Policy Coalition was joint winner of the 2009 VicHealth Award for Advocacy for its stand against a Jim Beam whiskey advertisement known as 'The Stalker'. The Coalition

complained to the Advertising Standards Bureau that the advertisement associated alcohol with dangerous behaviour. The complaint was upheld and it was taken off air.

The Obesity Policy Coalition shared the Advocacy Award for its submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission where, together with the Australian Dental association and the Parents Jury, it argued that a 'Myth Busting' advertisement by Coca-Cola was in breach of the *Trade Practices Act*.

The Commission said it considered that the advertising was potentially misleading and deceptive and asked Coca-Cola to give court-enforceable undertakings to publish 'corrective advertising' in newspapers across the country.



Queensland Government



mobile and relocatable services schedule

Queensland Health, through the BreastScreen Queensland Program, provides dedicated and accredited breast cancer screening services through a statewide network of screening and assessment services.

Mobile and Relocatable Service

Cairns: Early January to late March, Mareeba. Late February to late April, Innisfail.

Gold Coast: Early to late January, Mt Tamborine. Late January to mid February, Nerang. Early March to May, Palm Beach.

Ipswich: Early to mid March, Esk. Mid March to early April, Toogoolawah. Early to late April, Boonah.

Mackay: Early March, Middlemount. Early to mid March, Dysart. Mid March, Tieri. Mid March to mid April, Clermont. Mid to late April, Moranbah.

North Brisbane: January to late February, Nundah.

Rockhampton: Early March, Mt Morgan. Early March to early April, Emerald.

Sunshine Coast: Late February to late April, Maroochydore.

Toowoomba: January to early March, Stanthorpe. Early to mid March, Inglewood. Mid March to early April, Texas. Early to mid April, Mitchell. Mid April, Injune. Mid April to May, Roma.

Townsville: Early to late January, Woodlands. Late January to early February, Garbutt. Late February to early March, Balgal Beach.

Wide Bay: Early to mid January, Maryborough. April to late May, Childers.

For women, age is the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer. Women aged 50-69 years are strongly encouraged to have a free breast screen every two years at a BreastScreen Queensland Service. Women aged 40-49 years and those over 70 are also eligible for a free breast screen. Please call **13 20 50** to arrange an appointment. Group bookings are also available. The schedule is a guide and subject to change

EARLY DETECTION COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Report shows more spent



ABOUT \$1.22 is spent on the health and aged-care needs of every Indigenous

Australian for every dollar spent on non-Indigenous people, a new report shows.

That's an increase from \$1.17 spent in 2004/05, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The higher spending rate reflects the health gap between Indigenous and other Australians, and the cost of delivering services in remote areas.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians generally use more public hospital and community health services than non-Indigenous Australians, but fewer medical, pharmaceutical, dental and other health services, which are mostly privately provided," AIHW senior economist Damian O'Rourke said.

"(Also) a higher proportion of (Indigenous) people live in remote and very remote regions in Australia where the costs of providing health goods and services are higher than for people who live in capital cities."

Expenditure

The total expenditure on health and high-care residential aged care services for Indigenous people was \$3 billion in 2006/07. That's three per cent of the nation's total spend. Aboriginal people comprise 2.5 per cent of the population.

Direct Federal Government funding for Indigenous health and aged care totalled \$738 million in 2006/07, or 2.4 per cent of the Commonwealth's total outlay.

The conservative think-tank, the Centre for Independent Studies (CIS), recently criticised the Rudd Government for boosting Indigenous health funding by 50 per cent this financial year.

"The Rudd Government is doing what previous

administrations have always done – throwing more and more money at the problem," the CIS report 'Closing the Accountability Gap' stated.

"But this is not the solution. Improvements in Indigenous health outcomes will only occur once the lack of accountability that has plagued the Aboriginal health sector ends."

However, the author of research which the CIS report relied on says its findings are misleading.

Judith Dwyer, who heads up the Department of Health Management at Flinders University, co-wrote the Overburden Report, which suggested if anything, there's too much accounting and red tape facing Indigenous health organisations – particularly relative to the size of the grants they receive.

Outcomes

It often weighs them down without actually measuring health outcomes, Prof Dwyer told AAP.

"Labor has boosted funding but more is needed," she said, adding that it must be delivered more efficiently.

The AIHW report reveals Aboriginal-controlled health organisations received \$250 million in Federal funding in 2006/07.

But the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation says that money – and adjunct reporting requirements – needs to be streamlined.

"Despite Aboriginal peoples making up almost three per cent of the population, with three times the burden of disease, only 0.8 per cent of global Federal health expenditure goes to the Federal Health Department's Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health," NACCHO Chair Justin Mohamed said in a statement.

"Of that Aboriginal community controlled health services receive an even smaller proportion." – AAP



Supporting the diabetes prevention program ... Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Aboriginal Liaison Officer Sandra Wallace and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Wright.

Tharawal region program aims to prevent diabetes



SYDNEY South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS) has launched a diabetes prevention program in the Macarthur region.

SSWAHS Director of Aboriginal Health Vicki Wade said diabetes remained a 'significant problem' for the Aboriginal community and was one of the major contributing factors for the development of chronic diseases.

She said type 2 diabetes was prevalent in Aboriginal communities in Sydney's south-west.

"Type 2 diabetes is a serious disease that can increase a person's chances of developing heart disease, stroke, kidney failure and blindness and, in some cases, amputation," she said.

"Prevention and early detection of diabetes is critical to help close the gap in life expectancy between

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people due to higher incidences of chronic disease."

The 'Prevent Diabetes Live Life Well' program targets people who attend Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) aged 18 and over and who are considered by their doctor to be at risk of

'Prevention and early detection of diabetes is critical to help close the gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people' – Vicki Wade

developing type 2 diabetes.

Ms Wade said the program gave participants the opportunity to receive ongoing support from teams of nurses, dieticians, exercise physiologists and other health professionals.

"Through regular interactive sessions led by a specially trained Aboriginal lifestyle officer, health

coaching, phone calls and GP consultations, participants learn how to eat healthier, set personal physical activity goals, and overcome any personal barriers to change," she said.

Participants are encouraged to achieve five goals:

- Increase physical activity including strength training
- Reduce daily fat intake
- Reduce daily saturated fat intake
- Increase daily fibre intake
- Reduce body weight by 5 per cent.

The 'Prevent Diabetes Live Life Well' program is run in collaboration with SSWAHS, the Boden Institute of Obesity, Nutrition and Exercise based at the University of Sydney, NSW Health, Diabetes Australia and the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation.

● For more information call 1300 796 341 or visit www.livelifewell.nsw.gov.au

Cancer survivors meeting is a first



A GATHERING will be held later this year to allow Indigenous cancer survivors to share their stories. Interested people from across Queensland and further afield are expected to

attend the inaugural Australian Indigenous Cancer Survivors Forum, at the Jindalee Hotel, Brisbane, on 19 May.

Organiser Malathi Kanagasabapathy, from m247 Consulting, said the forum would provide Indigenous cancer survivors with the opportunity to

share their experiences following treatment.

"With limited information on the number of Indigenous cancer survivors in Australia, we recognise the importance of raising the awareness around positive stories from Indigenous people who have survived

cancer and want to share their journey post-treatment," she said.

"And so we have themed the forum 'our meeting place and stories'."

Ms Kanagasabapathy said the forum also aimed to support and further develop networks

for people in isolated areas of Queensland.

"We need positive stories," she said. "People need to see and hear from other survivors."

For more information about the forum, send an email to info@m247consulting.com or call 0410 630 316.

Rube keen to share story

WHEN she was 39, Kunja (south-western Qld) woman Rube Nixon (pictured) noticed a lump in her breast. A nurse by occupation, she immediately went to her doctor who confirmed what she already knew – it was cancer. So began an ultimately successful two-year fight to beat the insidious killer of many women.

Now, more than a decade later, Ms Nixon is cancer-free and keen to share her story and encourage others to ensure they don't become victims of cancer. That's why she'll be attending and speaking at the inaugural Australian Indigenous Cancer Survivors Forum, planned for 19 May in Brisbane.

"The forum's a great idea," the long-time Aboriginal health worker told *The Koori Mail*. "Talking about our experiences will help us, and also encourage others to do the checks for cancer that we all should."

"And I believe gatherings such as this will help people with grieving when that time comes."

"Talking and sharing is so important for us all."

Ms Nixon, who recently suffered a mild heart attack, retires this month after more than 30 years working in Aboriginal health.

"I've worked all over southern and western Queensland – I've had a great career," she said.

"I'm in Goondiwindi now, but I'll be heading back to my country at Cunnamulla – that's where my heart has always been."



AMA scholarship applications wanted



AUSTRALIAN Medical Association (AMA) President Dr Andrew Pesce is urging Indigenous medical students to apply for this year's AMA Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship. The scholarship scheme was established in 1995 to help increase the number of Indigenous doctors in Australia.

"There's evidence that there's a greater chance of improved health outcomes when Indigenous people are treated by Indigenous doctors and health workers," Dr Pesce said.

"There are currently 140 Indigenous doctors and 137 Indigenous medical students in Australia."

"The numbers are steadily increasing,

but every effort needs to be made to help make it possible for more Indigenous people to study medicine."

"This is why, each year, the AMA offers the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship of \$9000 per annum for aspiring Indigenous doctors."

"The scholarship has assisted many Indigenous men and women who may not

have otherwise had the financial resources to study medicine."

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, students must be currently enrolled full-time at an Australian medical school and be eligible for Abstudy.

Applications close 29 January. For more information or to apply go to the website www.ama.com.au

Dasha is our top student



SYDNEY woman Dasha Newington is the 2009 national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student of

the year. Ms Newington, last year's NSW student of the year, took the top honour at the Australian Training Awards held in Canberra.

The award is the latest step in her goal of a career in medicine.

After finishing school, Ms Newington undertook a wide range of work and study, including retail and business, aged care, counselling and social science.

She says she has always felt passionate about exploring her Indigenous ancestry, and last year completed a Diploma of Aboriginal Studies.

One of Ms Newington's teachers described her as an advocate and ambassador, not only for education but also for Indigenous people.

As a recipient of the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship for budding Indigenous health professionals, she was able to complete an Indigenous research internship with Onemda, the Koori health unit in Melbourne.

Officials at the national training awards said Ms Newington's attitude to learning had given her the opportunities and abilities to achieve her personal and academic goals.

The only Indigenous student in an intake of 300, she has now started a Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery degree at the University of Sydney.



Last year's national Indigenous student of the year Dasha Newington, of Sydney.

NSWALC funding on offer



APPLICATIONS for the 2010 round of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Education Endowment Fund scholarships are now open.

The NSWALC self-funded scholarships, open to all Aboriginal people in NSW, cover six broad areas, including students in primary and secondary education, students in boarding schools, tertiary students, or those undertaking TAFE and vocational courses.

Launched in 2007, they already have provided financial assistance to about 250 recipients across NSW.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said the scholarships could really make a difference.

"This is our education revolution and it's working," she said.

"These scholarships ... are generous and cover criteria not generally covered by any other educational scholarship programs.

"There can be few more rewarding ventures than furthering the educational opportunities of Aboriginal people in NSW."

Ms Manton said the NSWALC Education Endowment Fund was designed to provide education and employment pathways for Aboriginal people in NSW.

"The financial support for these applicants will aim to attract younger members of our local Aboriginal land councils as well as encouraging young

leaders to become more involved in Aboriginal affairs generally," she said.

"The criteria in each category are specific and extensive and I urge everyone to ensure they read the selection criteria against each category before lodging an application. This year, the land council is hoping for an even higher number of applicants.

"Education is the key in mobilising and inspiring our young people to take charge of their lives and reach their full potential. In fact, when young people have the support and self-belief gained through access to education it seems that they can overcome any challenge in life.

"NSWALC is determined to ensure that our students are equipped with the tools they need for the workforce of today and tomorrow."

The scholarships will provide financial assistance to help cover the cost of uniforms, text books, educational excursions (except sport excursions), tutorial assistance, laptops and software, internet access and fees for boarding school, TAFE, primary and high school. Funding for each category is capped. Applications close on Friday, 16 April.

Further details on the selection criteria and scholarship application forms are available by contacting Marlene McFarlane at the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) on (02) 9929 9633.

Scholarship application forms are also available on the NSWALC website – www.alc.org.au



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Scholarship for Chrissie



Scholarship recipient Chrissie Young with her letter from Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard.



CHRISSIE YOUNG knows how life can change in just a few years.

If someone had told her five years ago that she would receive a letter from the Deputy Prime Minister she would never have believed it.

Nor would she have believed she would receive a scholarship worth more than \$36,000 to study a masters degree at the University of Southern Queensland this year.

The 39-year-old mother of two said she was over the moon after receiving the good news from Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard.

"Five years ago I was struggling to make ends meet as an undergraduate student," Ms Young said.

"Now I have a job and am able to do postgraduate study. Things are so different."

The scholarship enables Ms Young to take 12 months' leave from full-time work at USQ Fraser Coast so she can study a Master of Professional Studies degree.

She was one of just five recipients of the scholarships, which are presented each year to Indigenous staff working in the higher education sector.

Ms Gillard congratulated Ms Young on her success.

"By supporting successful Indigenous staff, particularly those who have actively encouraged Indigenous

students to participate and complete their courses in higher education, the Indigenous Staff Scholarships contribute to improved educational outcomes for Indigenous Australians in the higher education sector," she said.

Ms Young said she was awarded the scholarship because of her role as an Indigenous Student Support Officer at USQ Fraser Coast.

"The research I am doing for my masters is based on the recruitment and retention of Indigenous students in higher education," she said.

Research

"But I'm not going anywhere. I will continue to work one day a week in my current role because it ties into my research, and I'm also passionate about encouraging Indigenous kids to further their education."

"I know it can be a struggle because I've been there myself. But it's important for them to go on to higher education when they leave school, and not wait like I did. I was in my mid-30s when I went to uni, and I wished I had done it when I was younger."

"I must say though that I could not have done this without the support of my husband Darren, my children or USQ Fraser Coast."

Last year, Ms Young became the first Indigenous student to graduate with a Bachelor of Human Services (Counselling) degree from USQ.

Kormilda students do well in NT certificate



INDIGENOUS students at Kormilda College have performed well in last year's Year 12 Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCE) results.

Fifteen Indigenous students – 12 of them from the remote north Australian communities of Alyangula, Pirlangimpi, Ngukurr, Malabarra, Bulman, Pigeon Hole,

Minyerri, Kewulyi, Djarindjin and Yanyula – were awarded the NTCE.

The Darwin-based college's top Indigenous student was Sophie Smith.

Kormilda Principal David Shinkfield said the results 'reflect the hard work and dedication of both staff and students at Kormilda'.

"This is the third consecutive year the college has attained a 100 per cent pass rate for Indigenous students from remote area," he said.

Girl Guides get a taste of culture



ABORIGINAL cultural studies were on the program for 2500 Girl Guides from around the world who attended a

major camp and gathering in Victoria.

The event, in Geelong, marked 100 years of the Guiding movement.



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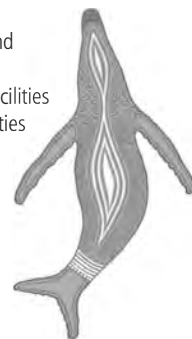
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2009 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize Tour. The tour will display 49 works by 35 individual artists that were selected as finalists and will be on display in this exhibition. All welcome. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or Liz on (0410) 181 719 or email artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au or visit www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

Tour dates as follows:

- Until 17 January, Albury Art Gallery & Library Museum

- 28 January-28 March, Port Macquarie Hastings Regional Gallery

- 2 April-16 May, Gosford Regional Gallery

- 22 May-26 June, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina

- 2 July-6 August, Coo-ee Heritage Centre Gilgandra

- 13 August-26 September, Rockhampton Art Gallery Queensland

Until 15 January: IYLP tertiary scholarships available for 2010 – Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. Scholarships are available to Indigenous students, mostly from remote and regional areas to assist them to attend university full time whilst developing leadership potential through practical experiences and study tours. Details: (08) 9259 5700 or email info@madalah.com.au or www.madalah.com.au

Until 19 January: Lea Ambrum Stevens' first solo exhibition 'From the Land, Through the Rainforest, to the Sea'. The artist, born in Atherton and based in Cooktown, produces paintings based on animals and environments connected to her culture. All welcome. Held at the UMI Arts Offices and gallery space, Shop 2/151 Martyn St, Parramatta Park, Cairns, from 9am-5pm. Details: (07) 4041 6152.

Until 29 January: Ilgarjiri Things belonging to the Sky Art Exhibition. This is an exhibition by Yamaji artists with many works for sale. All welcome. Held at AIATSIS, Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au/events/ilgarjiri or www.ilgarjiri.wordpress.com

Until 9 February: Celebrating Indigenous Bay Culture. The program includes Confined II – an Indigenous prisoners visual art exhibition; Nexus contemporary dance; fundraising for small community groups; *Etchings Indigenous – Black and Sexy* book launch; main festival music day; espy after festival gig; Jumbi's Gendook: *Brother in Laws Canoe*. All welcome. For event location and times contact: (03) 9209 6490 or visit www.stkildafestival.com.au/yalukitwilamngargee

Until 14 February: Paperskin: Barkcloth across the Pacific Art Exhibition. 'Paperskin' celebrates this visual sophistication and vitality, displaying examples dating from the 18th Century to the present. All welcome. Held at the Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane. Details: (07)

3840 7303 or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/paperskin

Until 15 February: Indigenous Australian Government Development Program. This is a Close the Gap initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and is an integrated employment and development program, delivered over a 12-month period. Details: (02) 6240 3737 or visit www.deewr.gov.au/iagdp

Until 28 February: Calling for Submissions – Certificate III and IV in Media Broadcasting, Journalism and TV/Video Course. Open to all Indigenous people aged 18 years and over. Interested candidates will have travel. Food and accommodation paid for. Starts March. All welcome. Held at the Batchelor Institute, Northern Territory. Details: Joe Miller on (08) 8939 7257 or (0447) 082 901 or free call 1800 677 095 or email joe.miller@batchelor.edu.au or visit www.batchelor.edu.au

Until 8 March: From Little Things Big Things Grow. This is an exhibition that traces the fight for Indigenous civil rights during the period 1920-1970. Free and all welcome. Held at the First Australians Focus Gallery, National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or email information@nma.gov.au or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until 2 May: ReCoil: Change and Exchange in Coiled Fibre Art. This exhibition features a unique collection of innovative and contemporary forms from fibre artists' across Australia. Showcasing the work of 12 Indigenous and three non-Indigenous artists who have worked with their Aboriginal peers. All welcome. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery, NT. Details: (08) 8999 8219 or (0427) 015 790 or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

Until 22 May: Belonging to Country Exhibition. Showcase of works by Indigenous artists that express identity, knowledge of the land, and Indigenous views on history. All welcome. Held at Museum Victoria, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton, Melbourne, Vic. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

Until 14 June: Emerging Elders Art Exhibition. The artists featured are self-taught and have only recently, over the last decade, created and consistently shown their work throughout Australia. All welcome. Held at the Project Gallery, Melbourne, Vic. Details: (02) 6240 6411 or visit www.nga.gov.au/emergingelders

17-20 January: Hands on Health Summer Camp. This camp is for Indigenous senior secondary students who are interested in exploring the Monash course in health sciences. Free including accommodation and transport. All welcome. Held in Melbourne, Vic. Details: (03) 9905 4200 or (03) 9902 0276 or email issu.enquiries@general.monash.edu.au

17-24 January: 13th Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School. This is a five-day live-in summer school. This is your chance to find out and meet engineers, visit engineering projects, take part in hands on activities, gain insight into the careers opened to engineers and more. All welcome. Details:

Focus on Indigenous music at Rainbow Serpent Festival

VICTORIA'S premier electronic music gathering, the Rainbow Serpent Festival, will have an increased Indigenous focus this year with workshops and performances.

Organisers said festival goers can expect to see more than 100 artists across a multitude of music genres, including progressive trance, electro, house, breaks, dub and ambient.

There will also be a number of Indigenous acts performing, as well as taking part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

David Beaumont, the Indigenous Liaison Officer for the festival and also a DJ, said a lot of work had been done to



ensure that the Indigenous focus of the festival was appropriate.

"We've been working closely with the festival directors in building that culturally appropriate Indigenous influence over the past four years," Mr Beaumont said.

The festival, which is held near Beaufort, Victoria, runs from 22-25 January.

(02) 9385 7324 or visit www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess or www.engineeringaid.org.au

18-23 January: Tamworth Country Music Festival – Cultural Showcase. This is a week-long community event that provides Aboriginal people from across Australia the opportunity to perform, gather and promote their talents, and to develop skills through participation in workshops delivered by leading Aboriginal artists. All welcome. Held in Tamworth, NSW. Details: Steve Blanch (02) 6766 4645 or Joanne Stead (02) 6701 9020 or visit www.culturalshowcase.info

26 January: Saltwater-Freshwater Festival. Australia Day 2010 will bring together black and white communities on the NSW mid-north coast celebrating a day full of music, dance, food, activities, art, games and more. Held at the Botanic Gardens, Coffs Harbour, NSW. Details: Alison Page on (02) 6658 1315 or Steve Brambley on (02) 6656 4695 or (0424) 601 844.

26 January: Yabun Festival. A celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture in art, craft, music, dance, literature and heritage showcasing some the deadliest artists and performers from all around Australia. Free and all welcome. Held at Victoria Park, Sydney. Details: Miah Wright on (02) 9384 4000 or email events@gadigal.org.au or visit www.gadigal.org.au

26 January: Invasion Day Protest in Hobart. The march will take place from Tasmania Aboriginal centre to Parliament House for a rally. Various speakers include Michael Mansell, Narla Mensell-Mckenna, Indigenous locals and more. All welcome. Held at Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, 56 Patrick St, Hobart, Tas. Details: (03) 6234 8311.

26 January: Share the Spirit Festival 2010. This event created by Aboriginal People is for all Australians to come together to acknowledge, pay respect to and celebrate the hundreds of Indigenous cultures around Australia and her seas. Line-up includes Dan Sultan, Deline Briscoe, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Djopla McKenzie, Lee

Morgan and The Charcoal Club and more. All welcome. Held at Treasury Gardens, Spring St, Vic from 2-8pm. Details: (03) 9471 2939 or email james@songlines.net.au

26 January: Survival Day Celebrations at Tandanya. Come and celebrate the strength and spirit of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this land. Book launch, entertainment, art and weaving workshops, storytelling, kids activities, discount sales, mini clinics, barbecue and more. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, SA from 11am-7pm. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

28 January: Trivia night fundraiser. The night will include six rounds of ten general knowledge questions plus four 'Who am I'. Teams of 6-8 invited. Top two teams share prize packs from Dreamtime Kullilla Art valued over \$180. Lucky door prize, raffles, musical entertainment. Meals available downstairs from 5.30pm. Cost \$10 or \$5 concession. All welcome. Held at Arana Leagues, Dawson Parade, Keperra from 6:30pm onwards. Details: Aunty Flo Watson on (0419) 676 858 or Mariya Coblentz on (07) 3289 1824 or email magpiehouse@ihug.com.au

28-29 January: National Social Inclusion Conference. Guest speakers. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon St, South Wharf, Melbourne, VIC. Details: Janis Dogan on (02) 6271 5742 or email janis.dogan@pmc.gov.au or visit www.conferenceonline.com

6-14 February: St Kilda Festival. The festival is celebrating its 30th birthday and will include local bands, performers, kids activities, artists, comedians, extreme sports and more. Held at St Kilda, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9209 6490 or visit www.stkildafestival.com.au

8-15 February: Dance Class with Sani Ray. This is a contemporary dance for Indigenous Parade entry at Mardi Gras 2010. All welcome. Held at Redfern Community Centre, Redfern from 5-9pm. Details: Shaun Edwards on (0434) 112 772 or (02) 9206 2114.

17 February: Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) workshop. This workshop is for organisations who are beginning their RAP journey, through to organisations who are reporting on, and implementing, their second and third RAPs. All welcome. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, Vic. Details: Brooke Pettit on (02) 6273 9200 or email rsvp@reconciliation.org.au or visit www.reconciliation.org.au

17-18 February: 12th Helping Families Change Conference. This is two days of invigorating interaction, exciting exchange of ideas and collegiality. Keynote and invited speakers. Held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Qld, from 9am onwards. Details: Kate Sofronoff on (07) 3365 6411 or email kate@psy.uq.edu.au or visit www.helpingfamilieschange.com

24-26 February: National Community Education Programs Forum 2010. The forum will expose delegates to effective tools and frameworks to better develop, support and sustain any community education program strategy. Guest speakers. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the Mantra on Little Bourke, Melbourne. Details: Scott Folkard on (02) 9431 8755 or visit www.liquidlearning.com.au

3-27 March: East Kimberley Painting Revisited: Rover Thomas, Paddy Jaminji, Freddie Timms and Rusty Peters. The exhibition will feature recent paintings by Freddie Timms and Rusty Peters and will be set within the historical context provided by the two founding fathers of the East Kimberley style of painting – Paddy Jaminji and Rover Thomas. All welcome. Held at Michael Reid Gallery, 44 Roslyn Gardens, Elizabeth Bay, NSW. Details: Michael Reid on (02) 8353 3500 or (0439) 776 655 or visit www.michaelreid.com.au or www.artmonthsydney.com

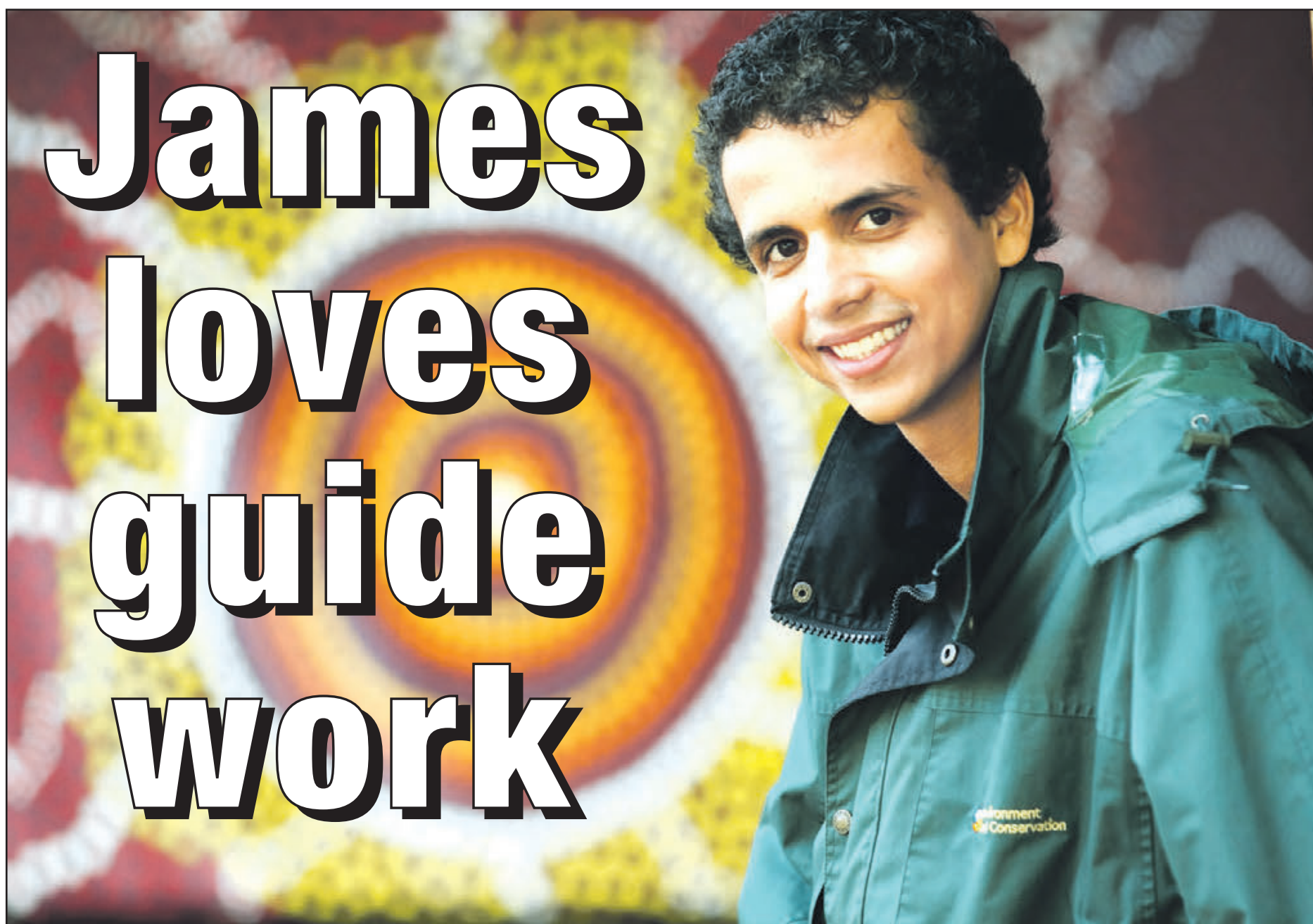
5 March: Gidarjil Cultural Festival. A celebration of the symbolic ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Gurang and Gooreng Gooreng peoples, the native title claimants and traditional owners of the Port Curtis Coral Coast native title claim area. All welcome. Held under the bridge, Edina St, Lions Park, Bundaberg, Qld, from 10am-4pm. Details: Nadene Jones on (07) 4130 7702 or (0458) 528 075 or email nadenej1@gmail.com

7-10 March: Straight Talk 2010 Summit. This event will give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women the opportunity to develop their understanding of the Australian political system and build relationships with women in Federal Parliament. Guest speakers. All welcome. Cost involved. Held in Canberra. Details: 1800 088 110 or email straighttalk@oxfam.org.au or visit www.oxfam.org.au/straight-talk

12-14 March: Ninth annual Australian Languages workshop 2010. Catch up with current research on Australian languages in a less formal environment. Workshop fee is \$130 and includes food, two nights accommodation and use of Kioloa facilities. All welcome. Transport available. Held at ANU Kioloa Coastal Campus, 496 Murrumarrang Road, Kioloa, NSW. Details: Kazuko Obata on (02) 6246 1166 or email kazuko.obata@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.kioloa.anu.edu.au/directions

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



YANCHEP National Park in Perth's north has many natural assets, but it also has human assets, and among them is a young Aboriginal man who is gaining industry recognition early in his career.

James Spurgeon, pictured, a tour guide at Yanchep National Park and a Tourism WA trainee, was recognised as a Tourism Ambassador in October by the State Department of Education and Training.

The 21-year-old has made rapid progress since completing his training last June and becoming a permanent tour guide at the park.

A career in tourism was not on his radar until about 18 months ago when

he looked close to home for some inspiration.

"My sister did a Visitor Servicing traineeship in tourism (she is now a Tourism WA project officer) and I love the outdoors, so I was keen to try tour guiding," Mr Spurgeon said.

'I get asked, mostly by the overseas visitors, about my culture and family. I am very proud of my culture and love to share it with them.'

"I am proud of what we have here in Western Australia and I love showing off our national parks to visitors.

"I also get asked, mostly by the overseas visitors, about my culture

and family. I am very proud of my culture and love to share it with them.

"This is a great job because I am continually learning and developing skills. Each day as a tour guide offers new challenges and different visitors."

Mr Spurgeon spends his days

with the recruitment of more than 120 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into traineeships and cadetships.

Edith Cowan University professor Ross Dowling, a recognised leader in the tourism industry, said Mr

Spurgeon was among the very best tour guides he had seen.

"I and my wife have more than 30 years' experience in the tourism industry and we have been fortunate to view James's presentation a number of times," he said.

"His tours are world class and he is without a doubt one of the best tour guides I have seen anywhere. James is a wonderful ambassador for his people and has a big future ahead of him."

providing tours of the Yanchep caves, tending to the park entry station and liaising with park visitors.

Tourism WA says its Aboriginal Employment Initiative has assisted tourism operators around the state

It's your guide to employment

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SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - NOWRA, NSW

Regional Training & Development Worker

(Permanent - Full Time) (Aboriginal Identified Position)*

The Regional Training & Development Worker will research, organise or deliver information, education, research and training programs on substance use issues across the Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Far South Coast region of NSW. They will assist the Regional Service Manager to develop, implement and evaluate substance use promotion, prevention and community development programs across the region in partnership with other organisations and help with the development of Community and Regional plans for new services and programs. They will promote the regional service. The Training and Development Worker will be required to travel within the region on a regular basis.

Contact Person: Raechel Wallace 02 4447 8037

Koori Men's Support Coordinator

Temporary Full Time until 30th June 2010

(Aboriginal Identified Position)*

The Shoalhaven Koori Men's Support Coordinator will provide support to Aboriginal men living in the Shoalhaven area in relation to substance use, family violence, and emotional and social wellbeing. This will include referral, advocacy, transport, and support in accessing internal and external services. The Koori Men's Coordinator will also assist in providing and/or organising community programs, education and groups.

Contact Person: Raechel Wallace 02 4447 8037

Administration Assistant / Receptionist

(Permanent Full Time) (Aboriginal Identified Position)*

The Administration Assistant / Receptionist will provide administrative support to the local Community Programs team

and Social and Emotional Wellbeing team and to other SCMSAC staff as required. This will include managing client files, reception support, managing and accounting for Nicotine Replacement Therapy products, ordering and replacing resources, forms, pamphlets and stationery, filing, photocopying, data entry and other basic administrative tasks.

Contact Person: Carol Thomas 4428 6666

Mental Health Worker

(Permanent Full Time) (Aboriginal Identified Position)*

The Mental Health Worker will work as part of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing team to provide quality assessment, referral, case management, counselling and treatment services to individuals and groups, deliver community education on mental health issues, respond to mental health crisis in the community, and run healing programs to improve the emotional health of the Aboriginal people in the Shoalhaven.

Contact Person: Carol Thomas 4428 6666

* Aboriginal Identified Positions. *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act. Proof of Aboriginality must be provided.*

Applications Must Address the Selection Criteria: The Selection Criteria is available in the Information pack which can be obtained from the contact person or the Administration Section on 4428 6666 or by email recruitment@southcoastams.org.au.

Applications close:

COB Monday 25th of January 2010



The Fred Hollows
Foundation

Project & Administration Officer

The Fred Hollows Foundation is an agent for development; we focus on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health.

This position is a full time 1 year fixed term position based in Alice Springs. It is responsible for:

- Project management and administrative support to Ready Reader and Surgery Champions projects in the Central Australia and Barkly regions.
- Project and administrative support for the Intensive Surgery Weeks.
- Secretariat support to various committees and groups related to The Foundation's Central Australian eye health projects.
- The administrative functioning of the Central Australian HFH Office.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

Application process: For selection criteria and further details go to www.hollows.org.au/employment or call **0438 826 686**. To apply, address all selection criteria, provide 2 current work referees details, resume and cover letter to employment@hollows.org or fax to **(02) 8741 1999** by **COB 29 January, 2010**.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Nyoongar Sports Association (NSA) is the peak Indigenous sporting body for the South West region (Nyoongar Country) of WA and is responsible for the development of partnerships that maximise opportunities for Indigenous Australians to achieve in sport and recreation participation and produce health, education, social and cultural benefits for individuals and their respective communities.

The Association is seeking a dynamic and inspirational CEO who will be responsible for

overseeing the day to day management of the Association and accountable for driving and delivering the strategic priorities as set by the Board of Management.

Your commercial acumen will be matched by your skill in identifying and capitalising on opportunities, finding innovative solutions and thinking 'outside the square'. You will also need to demonstrate a successful track record in managing and growing like sized organisations, experience in working with Aboriginal people and communities as well as the ability to engage and develop lasting, positive relationships with stakeholders.

To obtain an application package please contact Kelly Brennan on 0424 278 708 or kelly@imprest.net.au. If you require further information please contact the Chairperson Gordon Cole on 0427 232 571.

**Applications close:
29 January 2010**



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Administrative Support Officer

Corporate Services

Perth

Regional Office
APS Level 2
\$33,823 - \$41,511 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Initial point of contact for all visitors and telephone calls
- Provide support to the finance, personnel and payroll functions
- Record keeping, including maintaining company filing systems
- General office administration, including stationery, mail services and petty cash

Want to know more?

Contact Brett Hill on 08 9349 2548.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Michele Hill on 08 9349 2548.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, 2/47 Cedric Street, STIRLING WA 6021 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm 29 January 2010.

Relief Hostel Manager

Darwin

Various Hostels
APS Level 2
\$34,500 - \$41,181 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Mayatilli Giles on 08 8981 4388.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marie McGorm on 08 8981 4388.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 3820, DARWIN NT 0801 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm 29 January 2010.

Hostel Manager

Shepparton

Geraldine Briggs Hostel
APS Level 3
\$38,089 - \$45,469 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Rita Stewart on 03 9642 2775.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Emma Gamble on 03 9642 2775.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm 29 January 2010.

This is a Transient hostel.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

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Indigenous Family Support Worker

Contract until June 2011

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EEO No: A269/2009

An opportunity to provide information, support and referral for Indigenous families who may benefit from services and support provided by the Melbourne Family Relationship Centre.

- * Assist separating Indigenous families develop workable parenting arrangements
- * Promote the Family Relationship Centre within local Indigenous networks

This position will sit within the Family Relationship Centre and Inner South Community Health Service.

Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Interested applicants should obtain a detailed Position Description from recruit@ischs.org.au or visit our website: www.ischs.org.au

For further information about the role, please contact Meredith Wurm on 9534 0981 or mwurm@ischs.org.au

Closing Date: January 22nd, 2010 at 5.00pm

"Previous applicants need not apply"



VAYSAR

(Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation Cooperative Limited)

Chief Executive Officer

SALARY: From \$72,000 plus Vehicle

LOCATION: VAYSAR OFFICE: Northcote- Melbourne, Victoria

TENURE: Full Time - 3 Month Probationary Period

CLOSING DATE: Friday January 29th 2010

The Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport & Recreation Cooperative is seeking to employ a motivated and dynamic person who can fulfill the role of Chief Executive Officer.

The major aim of the Co-operative is to develop, plan, implement, co-ordinate, promote, research, monitor and evaluate Aboriginal Youth, Sport and Recreation activities, programs, services and projects at the Local, Regional, State and National levels. VAYSAR has a "hands on approach" in the development of Sport and Recreation in Victoria.

Role Overview

- Strategic Business Planning, Review and Management
- Provide Leadership and Cultural Safety to VAYSAR Staff
- Provide support and guidance to internal staff
- Work with Board of Directors to achieve the goals of VAYSAR
- Community Liaison
- Program Management
- Financial Management
- External Relations
- Carnival/Event Management
- Other Duties as Required
- Current Victorian Driver's license, as overnight travel to country Victoria will be required.
- Australian Federal Police criminal record checks will be carried out on the successful applicant

Selection Criteria: All applications must be submitted in writing addressing the Selection Criteria, and received by the nominated due date. Applicants must provide 2 current written referees

To obtain an Information Package and full Position Description please contact VAYSAR on 03 9482-7799.

Careers @ Justice



SHERIFF ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

Sheriff Office Mildura

Grade 3: \$51,179 - \$62,140 plus superannuation

Fixed Term for 12 months

Position No EM0726

The Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (SALO) will perform a liaison role between Sheriff's Officers and the Koori communities, fostering mutual trust, understanding and respect between Sheriffs and local Koori communities. The SALO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Aboriginal Justice Agreement and the Enforcement Operations Koori Strategy.

For further information about the role contact Mr Rudolph Kirby (Manager Justice Services) on telephone 03 5021 6100.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 22 January 2010

www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice

Fast Art: 102457-v1



COUNTY COURT OF VICTORIA

Project Coordinator - County Koori Court

Reference Number DJ6632

An exciting opportunity has arisen at the County Court as the Project Coordinator of the County Koori Court pilot program for two years.

If you are:

- Ready to take on new challenges to make a difference
- Keen to further strengthen your relationships with members of the Koori community
- Thrive on working in teams and bring experience, passion and energy, and
- Gain satisfaction from achieving project and program objectives

then we would like to talk to you!

Enquiries about the position can be directed to Evi Kadar on (03) 8636 6405 or Rosemary Smith on (03) 8636 6507.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Friday 22 January, 2010

Fast Art: 102543-v8



Manager - Kinaway

- Victorian Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce
- Leading industry body
- 12 month contract

The Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) is the peak body for employers in Victoria, informing and servicing more than 15,000 members, customers and clients annually across the State.

VECCI are seeking a suitably experienced General Manager to drive and lead the soon to be established Victorian Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce.

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Establishing and delivering on a policy and advocacy plan;
- Establishing and maintaining positive relationships with government, industry partners, and other key stakeholders;
- Developing and implementing programs and projects beneficial to members, partners and the Indigenous business community; and
- Operational management on day-to-day issues.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following key selection criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal values and culture, and the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people and communities.
- Experience in representing the needs and concerns of the business community.
- Proven achievement of results through policy and advocacy actions.
- Experience in liaising and negotiating with a range of stakeholders, including government departments.
- Proven ability to attract members, partners, grants, and sponsors.
- Previous experience in leadership and management.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

A competitive salary commensurate with skills and experience, and range of employee benefits will be offered to the successful candidate.

All applications should include a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria listed above.

A copy of the Position Description can be accessed via our website www.vecci.org.au, under About Us - Careers at VECCI or by emailing recruit@vecci.org.au.

Please note the successful applicant will be subject to a satisfactory police check as a pre-requirement for selection.

Applications should be forwarded to Rebecca Pearce, Senior HR Generalist, VECCI, 486 Albert Street East Melbourne 3002 or via email to recruit@vecci.org.au, COB Monday 25 January 2010.



Human Services
Community Services

Senior Regional Strategies Officer (Aboriginal)

Salary package from
\$97,172 to \$104,153 per annum

Statewide, Various Positions

Temporary Full-Time

Responsible to the Manager Regional Strategy for the coordination and management of Integrated Children and Family Centres funded under the National Partnership on Indigenous Early Childhood Development within the Regions

Requirements:

- Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander with a commitment to improving services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
- Project management skills with experience in children's services and human service delivery components.
- Extensive knowledge of the evidence based for prevention and early intervention strategies for children, youth and families.

Join us now.

For the full selection criteria and to apply online, visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

For information about the position, please call Janet Schorer on (02) 9716 2836.

Applications Close: Friday 29 January 2010
Vacancy No: 09-CS-21152

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal Targeted Position
Canobolas Local Area Command, Orange

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time (up to 6 months)

Suburb: Orange

Vacancy Ref: 09/172

Salary Package: \$60,102

Salary: \$50100 - \$54465

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The General Administrative Support Officer (GASO) position is a direct report to the Station Supervisor with the overall management responsibility with the Local Area Manager and provides support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force and also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support.

Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under Section 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 6 months.
- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines.
- Position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- An information session will be held at Orange Police Station on 18 January 2010, starting from 12:00pm - Contact Roy Leonard (ACLO, Orange Police Station) to register your attendance at this session. Roy can be contact on (02) 6363 6337 or (02) 6363 6399 or Mobile 0417 273 886.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details.
- If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to maintain accurate filing and recording systems.
- Effective communications and Customer Service Skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures.
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal people and the ability to communicate sensitively and to effectively engage with Aboriginal people and communities.

Inquiries/Information Pack: John Pirie on (02) 6363 6301 or piri1joh@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Local Area Manager, Canobolas Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, 115-117 Byng Street, Orange NSW 2800

Closing Date: Friday 22 January 2010

GA1-806391



Chief Executive Officer

- Exciting opportunity for a passionate leader
- Drive and direct Indigenous economic engagement and financial inclusion
- Salary packaging options (DGR status) \$108,000+ per annum negotiable

This well known Not for Profit organisation is looking for an experienced CEO. Working closely with the Chairman Paul Briggs OAM and the Board you will be well organised, adaptable and proactive with a good track record in positively influencing change.

A rare opportunity to develop the strategies to deliver future growth whilst working confidently with both Indigenous and Non Indigenous organisations for the economic inclusion of Indigenous people and benefit of all, including

- Providing leadership and strategic direction to move the organisation to the next level
- Promote, protect and enhance this unique not for profit business and profile of the organisation
- Exciting hands- on opportunity to create your own small team
- Melbourne based with domestic travel on an as needed basis (interstate and Victorian based applicants are strongly encouraged to apply)

Sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues preferred.

To be successful in this role you will have advanced computer skills, you will be well versed in multi tasking, problem solving and managing multiple agendas. You will be adept with meeting management, corporate and financial compliance and governance, along with dealing with any ad hoc requests that come your way.

The ideal candidate will have the ability to prioritise, influence corporate stakeholders and use initiative, have skills required to coordinate, be well presented with a mature outlook.

Experience in successful development of partnerships with major Corporations, Government bodies - State and Federal levels and high level networks both political and business desired. Corporate, Government and Philanthropic Fund raising experience would also be highly desirable. Financial services experience preferred.

If you have what it takes to balance strategic and autonomous operational responsibilities then you are invited to apply for the position of Chief Executive Officer of First Nations Foundation, incorporating the highly successful my Moola financial literacy training program

By sending your CV (5 page maximum) to recruit@sipvictoria.com or by contacting Ernest Stabek, Principal S.I.P. Management Consultants on 0418 543 122, in the first instance.

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No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Castlereagh Local Area Command, Walgett

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 3/4

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Suburb: WALGETT

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 09/160

Salary Package: \$67,675

Salary: \$56,009 - \$61,328. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) has the responsibility for providing advice and support to Police in the management of Aboriginal issues across the Local Area Command (LAC). ACLO's assist in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing of programs that brings about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people and which are in line with NSW Police policy. ACLO also work closely with the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal Community Organisations and other service providers in their day-to-day activities and promotes an awareness of the NSW Police to Aboriginal people and communities and promotes an awareness of Aboriginal issues to Police.

Job Notes:

- This position is 35 hours per week.
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- All applicants must include date of birth and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- Applicants must obtain an information package from the Inquiries Officer for full job details.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and Police personnel.
- Knowledge of the issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Effective written and oral communications skills and ability to participate in the development of local community strategies.
- Experience in program development/management, word processing or other computer applications.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shifts on a 24-hour rotational basis.
- Prepared to undergo further training and to attend courses appropriate to the position.
- Holder of a current Drivers Licence, with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

Inquiries: Ben Salt on (02) 6828 6801 or 0409 466 211 or salt1ben@police.nsw.gov.au

Information Pack: Jill Granger on (02) 6828 6803 or gran1jil@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Local Area Manager, Castlereagh Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, PO Box 312, Walgett NSW 2832

Closing Date: Friday 15 January 2010

GA1-806388



Human Services
Community Services

Senior Project Officer (Aboriginal), Child Protection & Out-of-Home-Care

Salary package from
\$97,172 to \$104,153 per annum

Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time

Contribute through effective consultation and liaison with key stakeholders the development and management of an allocated portfolio of issues and projects specifically aimed at supporting Aboriginal children and young people in the child protection and OOHC systems.

Requirements:

- Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander with a commitment to improving services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
- Proven project management skills with experience in managing multiple projects within tight time and budget constraints.
- High-level written communication skills with proven experience in preparing Ministerials, briefs and concise reports.

Join us now.

For the full selection criteria contained in the job information package and to apply online, visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

For information about the position, please call Sue Gillett on (02) 9716 2403

Applications Close: Friday 22 January 2010
Vacancy No: 09-CS-21167

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Human Services
Community Services

Senior Project Officer

Salary package from \$97,172 to
\$104,153 per annum

Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time

This position is responsible to the Director, Community Strategy and Planning for the statewide planning and coordination of the establishment and operation of nine Integrated Children and Family Centres funded under the National Partnership on Indigenous Early Childhood Development.

You will need:

- Knowledge of the evidence base for prevention and early intervention strategies in the early years of life and/or relevant tertiary qualifications
- Demonstrated experience in working collaboratively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and community organisations.
- Extensive project management experience and a demonstrated record of delivering tangible outcomes that have met community needs.

Join us now.

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For information about the position, please call Janet Schorer on (02) 9716 2836

Applications Close: Friday 29 January 2010
Vacancy No: 09-CS-21170

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Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER, MONITORING AND REPORTING

Koori Justice Unit

\$73,104 - \$88,450

Position No DJ4636 - Fixed term (5 months)

The Koori Justice Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

We are currently seeking a Senior Project Officer, Monitoring & Reporting to co-ordinate and maintain a quantitative and qualitative information system and assist with the planning and implementation of project evaluations and reviews.

This is an identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 20th January 2010.

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Cape York Institute
For Policy & Leadership

Program Manager / Higher Expectations Tertiary

The Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership is a partnership of the people of Cape York, the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments, and Griffith University.

CYI's Director is Noel Pearson, an Indigenous leader and activity from the community of Hopevale. CYI sits at the nexus of academic, community development, and advocacy - we endeavour to be rigorous and driven yet practical in the work we undertake.

The Institute is seeking a Program Manager to lead and manage our Higher Expectations Tertiary program.

The position involves the support of Indigenous students from Cape York communities who are in tertiary studies, preparing funding submissions and liaising with stakeholders.

The appointment is for 12 months, with potential for an extension. The position is Brisbane based @ the Nathan campus of Griffith University.

A position description is available on our web site, www.cyi.org.au. **Enquiries:** Jean Westerhout on 07 4046 0600.

Applications addressing the selection criteria, with a CV and at least two professional referees, emailed to info@cyi.org.au

Applications close: 29 January 2010.



New England Division of General Practice

Exciting Full-Time & Part-Time
Opportunities

The New England Division of General Practice is a not-for-profit organisation based in Armidale, Northern NSW. The Division's role is to represent and support the General Practitioners of the New England Tablelands and assist them in addressing the health needs of the local community more effectively.

Due to an expansion in the Division's Aboriginal Health Services, the following positions are now available.

School & Community Education Coordinator – 38 hrs/week, location negotiable
Chronic Disease Registered Nurse – 22.5 hrs/week, Armidale

Chronic Disease Aboriginal Health Worker/Trainee – 22.5 hrs/week, Armidale
Armidale/Uralla Aboriginal Health Worker – 38 hrs/week, Armidale
Glen Innes Aboriginal Health Worker – 22.5 hrs/week
Tenterfield Aboriginal Health Worker – 22.5 hrs/week

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for all positions. In relation to the **Aboriginal Health Worker positions**, the New England Division of General Practice considers that **Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).***

We are seeking experienced, enthusiastic and organised individuals to fill these positions.

For a full position description, selection criteria and instructions on how to apply, please view the Division's website www.nedgp.org.au. Alternatively contact Sally Reed (HR Manager) or Natalie Green (Executive Officer – Aboriginal Health) by phone: (02) 6771 1146.

Applications close 5pm Friday 22nd January 2010.

(Late applications and those which do not address the selection criteria will not be accepted)

HOUSING NSW
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES NSW

Area Support Officer

Clerk Grade 1/2

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
Riverina-Murray Area, Wagga Wagga

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 09-HNSW-21163



Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,102 per annum (Salary: \$50,100 pa - \$54,465 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position provides a range of administrative support functions that include financial processing and associated functions, mail services, answering telephone calls, computer data-entry and maintenance of filing systems.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively as part of a team, including providing executive support to senior management.
- General office and administrative experience.
- Demonstrated computer and data entry skills including experience in using Microsoft Office software.
- Demonstrated problem solving skills.
- Sound communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to liaise with all levels of staff and the public.
- Ability to prioritise work, maintain confidentiality and meet deadlines in a high-volume work area.
- Ability to work with a minimum of supervision and to use initiative.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to six (6) months with possibility of extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Paul Harding (02) 6921 0098

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6363 6150

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 22 January 2010

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Youth Connections Program

Are you searching for your next role within the Community Services Sector? Do you enjoy working with Youth in your community?

Due to a recent tender win for the Youth Connections Program, we currently have opportunities available in the Gilgandra region.

We have roles for Support Workers.

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For a confidential chat contact
Megan Le Lievre on (02) 6884 8526.

TRANSFORM



Queensland
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Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Worker (Maternal and Infant Health - Hospital Based)

Maternity Services, Women's and Children's Health Institute, The Townsville Hospital, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Temporary position for up to five years. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09TV12284. **Duties/Abilities:** Assist in providing culturally appropriate maternal and infant care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, their partner/family and children during the antenatal, post-natal and early parenting period in the Townsville Community. Help to make healthy lifestyle and health care choices and reduce risky behaviours during pregnancy and the early parenting period and support the continuity of care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their partner/family between the hospital maternity service and community-based health care providers. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Working with Children Check Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Chris Fox (07) 4796 2223.

Advanced Health Worker (Maternal and Infant Health - Community Based)

Maternity Services, Institute of Women's and Children's Health, Townsville Health Service District, Townsville. Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Temporary position for up to five years. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09TV12289. **Duties/Abilities:** Assist in providing culturally appropriate maternal and infant care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, their partner/family and children during the antenatal, post-natal and early parenting period in the Townsville Community. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Working with Children Check Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Pamela Hueber (07) 4796 9000.

Advanced Health Workers

Indigenous Youth Health and Wellbeing Program, Child, Youth and Family Health, Women's and Children's Health Institute, Townsville, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Two temporary positions up to five years. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09TV12385. **Duties/Abilities:** Implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Health and Well Being Program in secondary schools and other settings to target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth age 12-19 to increase their knowledge and skills associated with general health, self-care and sexual and reproductive health and to access health services, especially prevention and early intervention services. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Pam Hueber (07) 4799 9000.

To apply for positions grouped above:

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6775 or
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 25 January 2010.

TMP 0083271

You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

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- Entry-level position
- Indigenous Affairs focus
- Excellent career path
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Cox Inall Ridgeway is a specialist Indigenous affairs consultancy run in partnership with respected Gumbayngirr man and former Democrats Senator Aden Ridgeway. Cox Inall Ridgeway is a sister business of Cox Inall Communications, an award-winning public relations company with an 18-year track record of generating exceptional ideas, advice and influence.

Due to growth of the business, we have an entry-level position open in our team. Based in Ultimo, Sydney, we are seeking an Account Coordinator to work alongside our consultants on projects which create sustainable and positive outcomes for Indigenous communities.

We value good organisational skills, attention to detail and academic achievement. Tertiary studies in a related field will be highly regarded. A salary package of \$40,000 per annum including superannuation will be offered to the right candidate.

Ability to work with Microsoft Excel and Word is a minimum requirement.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply"

To express your interest please email your CV and a covering letter which details your experience to fionad@coxinallridgeway.com.au

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES ABORIGINAL ELDER/MENTOR CULTURAL SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 5/6, Mid North Coast Correctional Centre,
Temporary Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 09000001RD. Total remuneration package valued at \$80,503 pa including salary range of \$66,116 pa to \$72,952 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance of \$2,411 pa. applies during occupancy of this position. Advise on the development & delivery of spiritual, ecological & educational programs for Aboriginal offenders. Provide leadership & encourage participation in programs to promote positive change & reduce the number of Aboriginal offenders in custody.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal culture. Proven experience and ability to consult with Aboriginal representatives, organisations and communities. Willingness to participate as a team member in working with offenders in custody and in the community. Ability to coordinate and organise programs for aboriginal offenders and encourage inmate participation. Effective communication and negotiation skills. Understanding of the NSW Justice System. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW.

Note: There are two positions. This is a secondment or temporary employment under the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of up to 12 months. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created for this location only and may be used to fill future vacancies. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries and Information Packages: Annie Blue, Ph: (02) 6560 2714.

Email: Annie.Blue@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Apply on line for this position
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 29/1/2010

GA1-805473

Child and Family Counsellor: Get a career that matters.

**Full time, part time or job share available (negotiable)
Family Options Program - Dubbo**

• Want salary packaging and a flexible working environment?

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This position provides a range of relationship counselling and group work services for individuals, couples and families across the North Western Statistical area. It provides these services within the integrated Child and Family Team working with other services that support strong families.

Applicants will require:

- Tertiary qualifications in Psychology, Social Work or Counselling or minimum 3 years relevant professional experience

- Proven ability to be accepted by Aboriginal families and communities in the development and delivery of culturally sensitive services.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

29 January 2010

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Manager - Indigenous Services and Development: Get a career that matters.

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This new position is the perfect opportunity for you to take responsibility for creating and implementing our Indigenous Development Plan whilst promoting our profile as an employer and service provider for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. You will be responsible for:

- Leadership in development of a culture of understanding of working with Indigenous children, young people and families
- Developing Indigenous strategies that are embedded in all our service delivery programs
- Supporting Indigenous staff across our organisation
- Managing partnerships and identifying and securing funding for Indigenous programs

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:

5pm Monday 18 January 2010

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More information is available from our website or call Jessykah Miles on 02 9768 6848

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Tel: (02) 9320 7644 or
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Industry & Investment NSW assists in building a diversified state economy that creates jobs. Our Graduate Program provides a unique opportunity to work at the leading edge of business and energy policy.

This is a unique opportunity for applicants from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background only.

For further information about this exciting opportunity go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au www.business.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/work/graduate_program.htm www.industry.nsw.gov.au/energy

Closing date for applications is 29 January 2010.

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Warlga Ngurra Women's and Children's Refuge

Aboriginal Family Worker

Port Stephens
2 years - full time

- Experience in the field of Aboriginal family work including early intervention / prevention / child protection is essential
- Understanding of the NSW Families Strategy would be an advantage

This is an Aboriginal identified position in accordance with section 14(D) of the anti discrimination Act 1977. Proof of Aboriginality must be presented with application

Applicants must be willing to undergo a working with children and criminal record check (Prohibited Employment Act 1998).
To apply, phone 4950 1566 during business hours for an information package.

Application closes: 5pm, 31st January 2010

Waminda South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation

We invite suitable applicants (Aboriginal Women) to apply for the following 5 positions

1. **Aboriginal Mental Health Residential Support Worker** (21hrs/wk)
2. **Aboriginal Mental Health Residential Support Worker** (21hrs/wk)
3. **Aboriginal Transport/Admin Officer** (28hrs)
4. **Aboriginal Case Worker** (D&A/Family Support 35hrs/wk)
5. **Aboriginal Family Health Worker** (DV-35hrs/wk)

This is an opportunity for Aboriginal Women, who have relevant experience and skills in the nominated positions. The workers will be based at the Waminda Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation Nowra.

The permanency of these positions is dependent upon ongoing government funding and as stipulated in contract.

Salary: In accordance with the NSW Social and Community Services Award. (above award conditions, salary sacrifice available as well as family leave).

Enquiries/Applications: Email for employee package to faye@waminda.org.au and all enquiries by email.

Closing date: 5pm Wednesday 27th January 2010

APPLICANTS MUST REQUEST AN EMPLOYEE PACKAGE AND MUST THEN ADDRESS ALL SELECTION CRITERIA.



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TRAINEE BUSINESS (OFFICE ADMINISTRATION) ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POSITION

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Location – Primary Industries Centre, North Wagga Wagga

Job Reference No. 261765

Salary – Total remuneration package valued to \$14,913 pa, including salary (\$6,600 – \$13,514), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

TRAINEE BUSINESS (OFFICE ADMINISTRATION) ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POSITION

This is a temporary full time position for up to 12 months.

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Location – Griffith

Job Reference No. 261766

Salary – Total remuneration package valued to \$29,825 pa, including salary (\$13,201 – \$27,028), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 29 January 2010

All applicants must obtain an information package which includes an official job application form.

For further information call the Recruitment Coordinator on 02 6058 2920 or visit www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/rijobs.

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

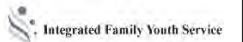
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Team Leader (Foster Care)

Integrated Family and Youth Service

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Integrated Family and Youth Services has an exciting opportunity for a **Team Leader (Foster Care)** to join their team in Cairns. This role will lead a professional team with the purpose of providing a continuum of quality child protection services to children, young people, families and foster carers. The successful applicant will be rewarded with an **attractive remuneration package** as well as **professional development grants and ongoing training**. This is your chance to **fast track your career**. Apply Now!



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- * Attractive salary circa \$70k+ plus super
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Professional Legal Placements

Legal Officer Grade I (Aboriginal Identified)

**Various Divisions, Various Locations,
Two (2) Temporary Full-Time Positions.
Job Reference No: EX09/103**

We are looking for bright, hard working law graduates who are about to embark on their Practical Legal Training professional placement to join our Professional Legal Placement Program working in either our Criminal, Family or Civil Law divisions. Applicants should indicate their preference in a practice area which will be considered based on availability.

Applicants **must** obtain an information package for full program details and selection criteria.

Inquiries: Janelle Clarke on (02) 9219 5146 or Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109.

Information packages: www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Close of Business, Friday 12 February 2010.

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Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service

AUSTRALIAN NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ANFPP)
(Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing)

The ANFPP was launched by the Health Minister, Nicola Roxon in February 2008. The program is part of the 'Health@ Home Plus' package announced in the 2007/08 Budget which aims to provide support to Indigenous children aged 0-2 in targeted areas.

The ANFPP is based on the Nurse-Family Partnership model of home-visiting developed over the last 30 years by Professor David Olds, Director of the Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health, University of Colorado, USA.

The ANFPP has established seven (7) sites across Australia which will provide support to pregnant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, and women pregnant with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child until the child reaches 2 years of age.

Each home visiting team will be nurse-led and accompanied by a Family Partnership Worker, and will support up to 25 families. Teams will be supported in their role by the ANFPP Support Service who will provide training, professional development and ongoing support including clinical supervision.

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service has been selected to Auspice and implement the program targeting families based in Dubbo and Wellington in 2009-2010.

To support the role out of this program, Wellington Aboriginal Health Service is currently recruiting to the following position;

HOME VISITING NURSE (Non Clinical)

Re-advertised

- The ANFPP Home Visiting Nurse (R/N) is responsible for providing comprehensive community health nursing services to Indigenous women and their families identified for the ANFP Program in Dubbo and Wellington.
- The successful applicant will need to be a Registered Nurse in the state of NSW and have at least two years recent experience.

An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant including the opportunity for salary packaging after the completion of a compulsory probation period.

Applicants must contact Judy Townsend, ANFPP Nurse Supervisor on telephone (02) 6845 2565 for an information package or for further information relating to the advertised positions.

It should be noted that this position will need to be commenced by February 2010.

**Applications close
Friday 15 January 2010.**

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ACTION has developed an Indigenous Employment Program. This program will run in conjunction with ACTION's current bus driver recruitment process and aims to increase the number of Indigenous commuter bus drivers recruited and reflect the diversity of the Canberra community.

If you would like to find out more about a career with ACTION as a bus driver, we invite you to attend an information session;

'Becoming a Commuter Bus Driver'

Date: Tuesday 19th January 2010

Venue: Pilgrim House
69 Northbourne Avenue
Canberra City

(Entrance from rear courtyard -adjacent to Jolimont Centre)

Time: 7.00 pm

The ACTION driver recruitment and training process will be covered in detail including bus driver licensing requirements.

Applications will close - c.o.b - Thursday 28th January 2010

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Working with energy, initiative, attention to detail and a practical approach to solving problems, the Administrator operates at the heart of the organisation, undertaking a wide variety of administrative tasks and providing executive support for the senior management team and board of directors. We are looking for a highly organised, motivated and enthusiastic individual with a passion for delivering exceptional customer service.

**Deadline for applications:
4pm Friday 22 January 2010**

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youth, case & night workers

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At Youth Off The Streets we aim to assist resident adolescents to develop their capacity to take responsibility for their lives by offering care, mentoring opportunities, support, and structure. We work within a treatment milieu to ensure key outcomes for the young people are reached.

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- ★ Our **YOUTH WORKERS** must have qualifications in youth, social, psych or community services and experience in working with young people who present with challenging behaviours. You have the ability to provide appropriate day-to-day care and supervision.
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Centre for Indigenous Education and Research
Mount Saint Mary Campus - Strathfield**

- **Yalbalinga (Place of Learning) – Indigenous Higher Education Unit**
- **Full-time, continuing appointment**

Australian Catholic University is a leader in Indigenous education, with a demonstrated commitment to Indigenous Australians through the provision of appropriate programs and culturally appropriate, safe and respectful practices and services. The University's Centre for Indigenous Education and Research (CIER) aims to build upon this commitment by becoming a centre of excellence in Indigenous education, policy development and practice, research and scholarship and community engagement.

In this role you will provide coordination and administrative support to the away from base programs offered at the Strathfield campus. As a key member of the Yalbalinga unit you will also perform a range of administrative functions to support the day-to-day operations of the Unit.

To be successful in this role you will have demonstrated knowledge of and ability to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and communities. You will also have highly developed communication skills with the demonstrated ability to exercise diplomacy and initiative. Excellent time management and the capacity to manage multiple tasks and projects are also essential.

Total remuneration valued to \$58,336 - \$65,020 pa, including salary component \$49,295 - \$54,943 pa (HEW Level 5), employer contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

A range of generous conditions of employment and entitlements are provided, these include: generous leave conditions; flexible working arrangements; salary packaging benefits and comprehensive staff development programs.

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HOW TO APPLY:

Obtain further information, including the position description and selection criteria from the ACU Careers website. www.acu.edu.au/careers. Australian Catholic University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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Associate Lecturer – School of Indigenous Australian Studies Ref. No. 1003 – Cairns

The appointee will be required to teach in the Tertiary Access Program and Undergraduate subjects provided by the school. The duties also include participation in student recruitment and support for Indigenous students across the University. Some travel will be involved. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Equal opportunity in Employment is University Policy.

Employment Type: Appointment will be full-time on a fixed-term basis until 1 December 2010.

Salary: Academic Level A - \$49,280 - \$66,282 per annum. Commencing salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience.

Applications close on 22 January 2010.

For more information go to: www.jcu.edu.au/jobs
enter the Reference Number in the search field and follow the links.

www.jcu.edu.au/jobs



TMP 0263463

HOUSING NSW DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES NSW Senior Client Service Officer Clerk Grade 5/6 Southern & Western Housing Services Division Riverina Murray Area, Wagga Wagga Permanent & Temporary Full-Time (2 positions) Position No: 09-HNSW-21141



Total remuneration package valued up to \$80,503 per annum (Salary: \$66,116 pa - \$72,952 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Responsible & highly motivated individuals are required for these positions, with a genuine commitment to providing high-level client service and a problem-solving approach. They will be responsible for the management of more complex client portfolios.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in delivering a high quality client service to people with complex needs in a high volume work environment.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a wide range of human service groups and organisations.
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to local planning initiatives and to find innovative solutions to problems in a client service environment.
- Demonstrated ability to understand, interpret and apply standards, legislation, policy and guidelines in the provision of services to clients.
- Excellent decision-making, communication, negotiation, conflict resolution and interviewing skills.
- Proven ability to monitor the workflow, priorities and competing challenges of others.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There is one Permanent Full-Time position available and one Temporary Full-Time position which is available for a period of up to three (3) years under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Scott McKee (02) 6921 0026

Information Package: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6363 6150

Apply on-line: As per the link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800

Closing Date: Friday 22 January 2010

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New South Wales Government



NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Department Policy and Strategic Development Commonwealth Rent Assistance Scheme (CRA) Implementation Unit Manager CRA Implementation Temporary Full-Time

Job Classification/Grade: Clerk Grade 11/12

Total Remuneration Package: \$126,424.

Package includes salary (\$99,063-\$114,566)

employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Location: Parramatta

Job Vacancy Reference Number: 0000024R

This position is funded through the Remote Indigenous Housing National Partnership Agreement and is critical to building the financial viability of Aboriginal community housing providers in NSW.

The primary purpose of the position is to manage and direct the implementation of a new rent policy and Commonwealth Rent Assistance-Imputed Rents Scheme and develop and implement other strategies to ensure rent setting and collection is well managed across all Approved and Conditionally Approved Aboriginal community housing providers within NSW.

Inquiries Name: Claire Croumbie Brown - 0427 496 554

Job Notes: Applicants are invited to find more information about Commonwealth Rental Assistance on www.aho.nsw.gov.au

Application must address the selection criteria as outlined in the position description and any other requirements as outlined in the information package. People of an Aboriginal background, people with a disability, women and people from a non-English speaking background are encouraged to apply for this position.

Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to obtain a copy of the position description and the information package.

To submit an application - Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to apply for this position, or email your application to recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au quoting the job reference number in the email subject line.

Closing Date: 27 January 2010

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Namoi House Incorporated

Namoi House Incorporated is an organisation responsible for the running of Walgett Supported Accommodation Project, a men's refuge, and Barwon Cottage, a women's refuge. All positions have been recently reclassified. We are seeking Supervisors, Community Service Workers and a Children's Service Worker.

Supervisor

We are seeking a person for the role of Supervisor at both refuges. The position will be 38 hours per week with paid call backs on occasions. Ideally the applicant would possess demonstrated team leadership skills and relevant qualifications and/or experience.

Applicants should obtain the position description and selection criteria by phoning Catherine on 0408 838 982.

Community Services Worker

5 positions available at each refuge with a combination of both full and part-time work. The successful application will be required to work shift work. All applicant s should posses the relevant qualifications and/or experience as outlined in the Position Description.

Applicants should obtain the position description and selection criteria by phoning Catherine on 0408 838 982.

Children's Services Worker

We are seeking a Children Services Worker for Barwon Cottage offering flexible working arrangements over a 5 day work period. Relevant Children's Services qualifications and/or experience.

Applicants should obtain the position description and section criteria by phoning Catherine on 0408 838 982.

Applications to be submitted by 18th January 2010 to: PO Box 654, Walgett NSW 2832



Pangula Mannamurna Inc.
(Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service)

Clinic Manager - Health Service

- Join the leader of primary health to the Aboriginal communities in the SE
- Opportunity to build on your skills & exp. in a supportive learning environment
- Salary packaging is available

Pangula Mannamurna Inc supports the Aboriginal Community through a holistic and culturally appropriate approach to service provision in the South East. Pangula Mannamurna Inc provides a range of health and community support services and are committed to innovation and quality in all we do.

Pangula's Health Clinic is located in Mt Gambier and provides a wide range of services to patients including outreach services to Millicent, Naracoorte, Kingston and Bordertown. Onsite medical services include Health Checks, vaccinations, counselling, health education as well as general family health.

We are seeking a Clinic Manager to co-ordinate the clinical services, health information and provide support for the Health Team as well as to the Program Manager. This position will allow the right person to build on their existing skills and experience.

Experience working with Aboriginal clients and a good understanding of the Aboriginal Community would be an advantage. A competitive salary will be negotiated including salary packaging, depending on skills and experience.

Copies of the Job Description are available by contacting reception on (08)87247270 or email reception@pangula.org.au

Applications addressing the job and person specification to be forwarded to:

Cathy Ray
Pangula Mannamurna Inc
PO Box 942
Mount Gambier SA 5290

Applications to be received by 4.30pm 22nd January 2010.

A National Police check clearance and current driver's licence are essential.
Applicants of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.



Cooktown District Community Centre

PO Box 763, Cooktown 4895
T: (07) 4069 6098 F: (07) 4069 6934

GENERALIST COUNSELLOR

We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably qualified applicants to work within the Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura areas.

Based in Cooktown this well established program provides centre-based and outreach counselling and support services to individuals and families. The counsellor is also responsible for the delivery of Emergency Relief. The role includes community education and development and involves frequent travelling to communities and out stations.

The position is permanent full time SACS level 5 with salary sacrificing offered and is funded by the Dept. of Communities.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELLOR

READVERTISED

We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably qualified applicants to work with the Indigenous Domestic & Family Violence Program within the Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura areas.

Based in Cooktown this position will provide specialised counselling to victims of domestic and family violence. This new 3 year pilot program will also provide outreach services to the communities of Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura and aims to provide an early intervention and prevention counselling service in conjunction with the Children's Domestic & Family Violence Counsellor.

The position is permanent full time SACS level 6 and is funded by the Dept. of Communities.

This is a specified position.

For more information and a position description please contact Alison Ward - Manager, Cooktown District Community Centre, 13 Charles St, PO Box 763, Cooktown.
T: (07) 4069 6098 E: reception@cooktowndcc.org.au

Applications close 5pm, Monday 8th February 2010

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Applications Close 9am Monday 9th February

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NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

ATSI Caseworkers - full time X 2

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service in NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer an exciting career opportunity to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of increasing our capacity to enable us to provide more urgently needed placements for our communities.

Essentials:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or minimum 3 years relevant experience in working with disadvantaged children and families
- Knowledge of OOHc issues and their impact on Aboriginal children and families
- Knowledge of issues facing local Aboriginal communities and community dynamics
- Knowledge of current legislative requirements (OOHC, Child Protection, OH&S, Children's Guardian, NSW Ombudsman)
- Sound knowledge of child development
- Understanding of affects of child abuse and neglect and how that impacts on children's behaviour
- Skills in record keeping, file maintenance and documentation
- Ability to promote Ngunya Jarjum in the community and to maintain strong community connections
- Ability to work positively with other agencies including specialist support services to support families and children in care and their carers
- Skills in the collection and analysis of program and client databases
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Sound computer skills
- Sound knowledge of Occupation Health and Safety Requirements
- Ability to achieve work plans and effective time management.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a team,
- Ability to follow established Policy and Procedures
- A current NSW driver's license.

Desirables:

- Knowledge of managing challenging behaviour (including children who abuse other children)
- Knowledge of special needs requirements of children and parents with disabilities
- Knowledge of children's nutritional needs, mental and physical health issues including infectious disease control, managing aggressive and violent behaviours
- Knowledge of Complaints procedures

Salaries: A generous remuneration package of \$55,405 plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Location: Casino

Contact: Lenore Marlowe - General Manager 02 66 628044

Information Package: must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request.

A "Working with Children Check" is a requirement of this position.

Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 646 Casino, NSW 2470

Closing Date: Friday, 29th January. 2010



Indigenous Health Project Officer

3 Days Per Week - Fixed Term Contract 3 years

If you have a passion for working in Indigenous health and have experience in project management this new position in a national program is what you are looking for!

The Indigenous Health Project Officer will provide a focus on Indigenous health issues at the local level. Responsibilities will include developing and implementing strategies to

- improve access to mainstream primary care for Indigenous Australians;
- increase uptake of MBS items for Indigenous people including Indigenous health checks and follow up items;
- assist with self identification of Indigenous Australians to mainstream primary care services;
- improve the capacity of general practice and other mainstream primary care providers to deliver culturally sensitive primary care services to Indigenous Australians;
- increase awareness and understanding of relevant "Closing the Gap" measures;
- collaborate with local Indigenous health services in a partnership approach for the delivery of primary care services.

Tertiary education qualifications and relevant work experience in the primary care system are essential.

Candidates from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

A competitive salary package will be available, commensurate with the responsibilities of the position. The option to salary package is available.

Applicants can obtain a copy of the Position Description on our website at <http://bddgp.org.au/positions-vacant> or by calling Faye on (03) 5331 6303.

Please send covering letter addressing key selection criteria and resume with three professional referees to: **Andrew McPherson, CEO, Ballarat & District Division of General Practice, PO Box 36W, Ballarat, 3350** or by email to: **contact@bddgp.org.au** by close of business **Friday 22nd January 2010**.

NSW POLICE FORCE

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER (Female)

Albury Local Area Command, Albury

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 3/4

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time (up to 12 months)

Suburb: ALBURY

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 09/159

Salary Package: \$67,675

Salary: \$56,009 - \$61,328. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) has the responsibility for providing advice and support to Police in the management of Aboriginal issues across the Local Area Command (LAC). ACLO's assist in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing of programs that brings about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people and which are in line with NSW Police policy. ACLOs also work closely with the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal Community Organisations and other service providers in their day-to-day activities and promote an awareness of the NSW Police to Aboriginal people and communities and promote an awareness of Aboriginal issues to Police.

Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 up to 12 months.
- This position is 35 hours per week.
- Aboriginality and female are genuine occupational qualifications as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- All applicants must include date of birth and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- Applicants must obtain an information package from the Inquiries Officer for full job details.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and Police personnel.
- Knowledge of the issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Effective written and oral communications skills and ability to participate in the development of local community strategies.
- Experience in program development/management, word processing or other computer applications.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shifts on a 24-hour rotational basis.
- Prepared to undergo further training and to attend courses appropriate to the position.
- Holder of a current Drivers Licence, with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

Inquiries/Information Pack: Doreen Peters on (02) 8835 9129 / 0427 246 260 or email pete1dor@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Manager, Aboriginal Programs and Strategy, Policy and Programs Command, NSW Police Force, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

Closing Date: Friday 15 January 2010

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NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Drug & Alcohol Clinical Services, Taree

Temp Full Time (6 month contract) with creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions Position No: 64340
Enquiries: William Robertson, (02) 6592 9916.
Closing Date: 29 January 2010.

- This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Caseworker

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is an Aboriginal service provider located in the South West Sydney area. We currently have two positions vacant within our Out of Home Care Program.

The main role of the OOH caseworker is to provide quality case management for children and young people in care and to provide ongoing support to the foster carers that care for them.

The selection criteria for the position are as follows:

Essential: Demonstrated report writing skills, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, experience working with Indigenous communities and or clients, negotiation and advocacy skills, casework experience, computer skills, and current NSW driver's license.

Desirable: Knowledge of NSW child protection issues and legislation.

The total remuneration package for this position is \$64,490 per annum (includes salary of \$55,500, superannuation, annual leave loading and salary sacrificing opportunities).

If you think you have the skills we are looking for and you'd like to find out more about the position, please contact recruitment on 9822 4922 or email: recruitment@kari.com.au and request an 'Application Package'.

All applicants must be Aboriginal and all selection criteria must be addressed in order to be considered for either position.

Applications Close: Friday 5th February 2010.



VARIOUS POSITIONS BRIGHTER FUTURES PROGRAM, WOLLONGONG

Permanent Full-time Aboriginal Team Leader
Permanent Full-time Aboriginal Family Worker
Temporary Part-time Family Worker
(9-month contract, 3 days/week)

CareSouth is a rapidly expanding not-for-profit organisation providing a range of community services in the Shoalhaven and Illawarra.

Our Brighter Futures (BF) Program is a Government funded early intervention service that provides support to vulnerable children and families in the Illawarra.

We are currently seeking applicants for two full-time designated indigenous positions and one part-time maternity leave replacement position (as above) within our Brighter Futures Team based at Wollongong.

In accordance with section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW) applicants for the designated positions must be recognised by the local indigenous community as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATS) descent to be eligible to apply.

The successful applicants for all three positions will:

- a. possess a degree or Diploma in Social Science/Welfare (or similar);
- b. have at least 2-3 years relevant work experience in the community sector; and
- c. satisfactorily meet the Selection Criteria outlined in the Information Package available to download from our website.

NOTE: Interviewed applicants will be required to consent to a Working With Children Check.

Generous salary packages will be negotiated with the successful applicants.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 22 January 2010

ENQUIRIES: Toni Bolte PH: 4225 7588

TO APPLY: Download an Information Pack at www.caresouth.org.au

Applications in writing are invited for the position of

Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (AEDO)

The aim of the Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (AEDO) program is to assist the establishment and retention of viable, locally designed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, and encourage an entrepreneurial culture within Aboriginal communities.

The successful applicant will possess strong communication and administrative skills and should have completed or be willing to undertake, Certificate IV Business Facilitation or equivalent.

Remuneration will be in the range \$40k - \$45k and structured in accordance with the COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES AWARD.

A position description can be obtained by telephoning 02 6771 2556.

Applications in writing will be received up to **Monday 25th January 2010 at 5.00pm** and should be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer
Armidale & District Business
Enterprise Centre Limited
PO Box 910
Armidale NSW 2350**

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Gadigal Information Service



Chief Executive Officer

\$80k package negotiable

Two-year contract with renewal based on performance review

Gadigal Information Service, identified by the Australia Council as one of five leading organisations nationally for the development and promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture, seeks a suitably qualified CEO.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the CEO leads a team of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media and arts professionals to deliver strategic and operational goals as outlined in the GIS Business Plan 2010-2012.

As an Aboriginal person working in and with Aboriginal organisations, you will be across the "big picture", a top-notch "people person" and passionate advocate for Indigenous arts and media (particularly music and performance) to inspire a diverse team including volunteers.

Outstanding written and oral communication skills plus solid negotiating skills are essential, particularly with government and potential philanthropic partners. You will also be an effective, goal-orientated problem solver and administrator with sound ethical values, ensuring compliances, policies and codes of conduct are maintained.

GIS is a not-for-profit, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisation operating from state-of-the-art premises in Redfern, Sydney.

For an information package go to **www.gadigal.org.au**

For further information phone: (02) 9384 4000.

Applications close: Friday, 29 January 2010.

Under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification.



Indigenous Communications Officer (Identified Position)

APS 6 - EL 1 (depending on relevant skills and experience)

\$67,749 - \$94,988

NHMRC is committed to contributing to 'Close the Gap' in health outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. We are now seeking to appoint a person with writing, events management, communications skills and demonstrated ability to understand Indigenous issues, communicate, liaise and network effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations and research sector groups.

The successful applicant will initially manage two high profile activities:

- the development of a national publication highlighting the pathways of Indigenous health researchers in health and medical research;
- development and delivery of the Inaugural Scientific Conference in Indigenous Health and Medical Research.

This position is available for a period of up to 12 months and is restricted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

To find out more about 'Identified' Positions please refer to the Australian Public Service Commission website **<http://www.apsc.gov.au/publiccalling/index.html>**

Applicant requirements

A demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and ability to communicate effectively with Indigenous Australians is essential.

Qualifications and/or experience in communications, journalism, events or project management, or public relations would be desirable.

Diversity of experience including from outside of the Australian Public Service.

For More Information

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To apply

Please send your resume highlighting relevant expertise and experience, and the details of two referees to Carolyn Norrie by 27 January 2010: **carolyn.norrie@nhmrc.gov.au**

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements - State of Queensland

Notification day: 27th January 2010



National
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QI2009/063 Djiru Cassowary Coast Regional Council Area ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 101km², located east of Tully and south of Silkwood in the vicinity of Mission Beach as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Cassowary Coast Regional Council
c/- Jenny Humphris
MacDonnells Law
Level 14, BOQ Centre
259 Queen Street,
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dawn Hart, John Clumpoint, Charity Ryan,
Beryl Buller, Rae Kelly, Margaret Murray and
John Andy who are the living members of
the applicant in the Djiru People #2 and the
Djiru People #3 native title determination
applications, on their behalf and on the behalf
of the Djiru People, c/- Leah Brown, North
Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679N, CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4. PROVISIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE NATIVE TITLE ACT.
- 4.5 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this Deed.
9. FUTURE COUNCIL WORKS AND ACTIVITIES
- 9.1 In the event the Council wishes to construct or carry out Works or Activities in the ILUA Area in respect of which it has not already received consent under this Deed it may seek to obtain such consent by having the Work or Activity become an Approved Future Act by following the process set out in Schedule 4.
- 9.2 A Work or Activity is an Approved Future Act for the purposes of this Deed if:-
 - (a) it is described in a Proposed Activity Notice or Revised Activity Notice given to the Native Title Parties; and
 - (b) either:-
 - i) the Native Title Parties have given a Concurrence Notice; or
 - ii) consent is deemed to be given under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4.
- 9.3 If requested by Council, the Native Title Parties will provide all reasonable assistance to Council in securing the doing of Approved Future Acts.
- 9.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts and agree that Sub-division P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to Approved Future Acts.
- 9.5 This clause does not apply to any part of the ILUA Area where native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished or determined not to exist.
10. MINOR WORKS OR ACTIVITIES
- 10.1 The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities on the conditions described in Schedule 5.
- 10.2 This clause does not apply to any part of the ILUA Area where native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished.

1. Definitions

"ILUA Area" means the area described in Schedule 1 *[of the agreement]* and depicted in the map contained in Schedule 2 *[of the agreement]*. *[Schedule 1 describes the area by reference to land parcels and a description of the external boundary, depicted above. For details of the description please contact the Cairns office of the National Native Title Tribunal on 1800 640 501].*

"Minor works or Activities" means the acts described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 *[of the agreement, which identifies emergency works, inspections, repairs, maintenance, tree-logging, fencing and signage in relation to Council infrastructure]*.

"Approved Future Act" has the meaning in clause 9.2 *[of the agreement and stated above]*.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns by 27th April 2010.**

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with the permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management (QLD). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Case Manager, Lisa Serpa on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Director Indigenous Researcher Development

DVC Research, Camperdown Campus

Reference No. 730/1109

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Please visit the Magistrates' Court website for further information and to download the application form: www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au

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**Court Registrar Coordinator
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Contact Person: Carol Thomas 4428 6666

* Aboriginal Identified Positions. *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act. Proof of Aboriginality must be provided.*

Applications Must Address the Selection Criteria: The Selection Criteria is available in the Information pack which can be obtained from the contact person or the Administration Section on 4428 6666 or by email recruitment@southcoastams.org.au

Applications close: COB Monday 1st February 2010.

PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MOREE

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR

Full-time Position

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation is committed to improving the Mental Health status of the Aboriginal community of Moree through the implementation of appropriate primary health care. Pius is seeking a Mental Health Counsellor to work in the Mental Health Unit at Pius.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA: Must be of Aboriginal descent (must provide confirmation of Aboriginality), Current NSW Drivers licence, extensive counselling experience and demonstrated understanding of Mental Health issues affecting the community and in particular the Aboriginal community, experience in grief and loss counselling, computer skills, appropriate tertiary qualifications, proven ability to manage a range of complex issues, with flexibility and discretion in performance of duties.

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Applications close Friday 29th January 2010 and to include 2 recent referees.

Applications to: Jillian Cain PO Box 363 MOREE NSW 2400 or phone enquiries to Mrs Kim Connors 02 6752 1099 or email admin@piusx.com.au

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service New England - Legal Aid NSW (NEWDVCAS)

Aboriginal Specialist Worker (Female) Court Support and Advocacy

Tamworth-Gunnedah
15 hours per week
SACS Award Category 3

The NEWDVCAS is seeking a compassionate and professional Aboriginal woman to provide court advocacy services in the Tamworth and Gunnedah region.

The position does not entail providing legal advice to clients.

The successful candidate will

- Support and advocate for women attending court for an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO)
- Liaise with Police, court staff and legal professionals to ensure women seeking an ADVO have their needs best served
- Develop and promote the NEWDVCAS in the region
- Provide appropriate referrals to women seeking further support

This is an identified position in accordance with sections 14(d) and 31(1) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Inquiries/Information Package: Judith Harvey-Nelson or Charlene McLennan (02) 6771 4221 or awdvcas@bigpond.com

Applications to: NEWDVCAS, PO Box 1493 Armidale NSW 2350

Applications Close: 5pm Wednesday 27 January 2010.

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service New England - Legal Aid NSW (NEWDVCAS)

Aboriginal Specialist Worker (Female) Court Support and Advocacy

Armidale Walcha Glen Innes
14 hours per week
SACS Award Category 3

The NEWDVCAS is seeking a compassionate and professional Aboriginal woman to provide court advocacy services in the Armidale, Walcha and Glen Innes region.

The position does not entail providing legal advice to clients.

The successful candidate will

- Support and advocate for women attending court for an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO)
- Liaise with Police, court staff and legal professionals to ensure women seeking an ADVO have their needs best served
- Develop and promote the NEWDVCAS in the region
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Applications Close: 5pm Wednesday 27 January 2010.

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National
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Notification day: 27th January 2010



QI2009/049 Surat Gladstone Pipeline Wullli Wullli People ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 1,096km², located south of Biloela, west of Monto and east of Taroom in the vicinity of Cracow as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the local government area of Banana Shire Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Surat Gladstone Pipeline Pty Ltd
C/- Oliver Gilkerson
Gilkerson Legal
Level 9, 344 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Elliot Anderson, Desmond Dodd, Robert Bond, Robert Clancy, Drew Millar, Neil Saltner, Marjorie Reid, Elizabeth Law, Elizabeth Blucher, Annette Fuller, Celeste Williams, Ivan Saltner, Jeffrey Williams, Brian Clancy, Jill Wilson as the registered native title claimants for Native Title Determination Application QUD6006/2000 (Wullli Wullli People) C/- Margarita Escartin, Gaden Lawyers, Level 25, 240 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following statements:

Clause 21.2

Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Act covered by the Agreement.

Clause 23.1

The Parties consent to any Future Act in the ILUA area.

Definitions

'Future Act' means any Pipeline Related Act including a Pipeline Related Act which-

- (a) involves or relates to the grant of an easement for the Project or any part of it;
- (b) involves or relates to preparation for construction, construction or operation of the Project;
- (c) involves or relates to any Looping Project;
- (d) where permission for the Project under Part 5 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act, 2004* has not been granted at the Registration Date - the grant of that permission; or
- (e) where any other Pipeline Related Act has not been validly completed before the Registration Date (for example, validly under one of the provisions of the Native Title Act apart from Part 2 Division 3 Subdivisions C and E) - that Pipeline Related Act.

'Pipeline Related Act' means any activity by, for or on behalf of SGP (or any assignee) in or relating to the ILUA Area which permits or requires the construction, operation, maintenance, use or repair of the Project or any part of it or which consists of the construction, operation, use, maintenance or repair of the Project or any part of it.

'Project' means the construction and operation of a gas transmission pipeline as generally described in the environmental authority for the pipeline granted under the *Environmental Protection Act, 1994* and facilities ancillary to that pipeline by or for SGP or any assignee in the ILUA Area.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the **Queensland South Native Title Services**, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane Qld** by 27 April 2010.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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- Good computer skills
- First Aid Certificate
- Persons of Aboriginal decent are encouraged to apply.

Terms and Conditions will be under the Teachers (Non-Government Preschool) state award.

Full Salary Sacrifice is available.

Contact Officer: Selection Criteria and Duty Statement can be obtained by telephoning Mrs Kim Connors on 02 6752 1099 or by emailing admin@piusx.com.au

Written applications including two recent referees and addressing the Selection Criteria is to be sent to:

M/s Donna Taylor, CEO
Pius X Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 363, Moree NSW 2400

Applications will close COB Thursday 21st January 2010

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke-free work environment. Relevant Criminal and Working with children Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.



NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION: Portion of Lot 7 on Deposited Plan 219728 and described as Proposed Caravan Park on Deposited Plan 46462. Volume 3010 Folio 494 Area: 16 hectares **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 46462 **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Dundas **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading 'Land Description' other than interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Caravan Park **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Lease under section 79 of the Land Administration Act 1997 **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Best available **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 01 July 2010 **RDL FILE:** 50581-2004/3 **RDL REF.:** 033534

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr Ken Buchan, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5044. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 30 March 2010. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 23 December 2009. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 30 March 2010. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 15 December 2009 **HON BRENDON GRYLIS MLA**

DIRECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS
For and on behalf of the Minister for Lands, under delegation.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the *State of New South Wales*

Notification day: 27 January 2010



National
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Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, they are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the form below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in the area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 26 April 2010. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **26 April 2010**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.** The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to this non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000**, on or before **26 April 2010**. After **26 April 2010**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Maxwell James Angel and Philippa Bernadette Angel

Non-native title interest: Access and Beautification LI 385967
Federal Court File No: NSD1282/09

Location: The application area is located approximately 31km south-west of Port Macquarie, on Batar Creek Road as shown on the locality map.

Description: The area subject to this application is Lot 1 on plan DP1142845 covering about 2,960 square metres. The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council.

Order sought by applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

The applicant has indicated that if the non-claimant application is unopposed by a native title claimant application they intend to seek the protection of section 24FA of the Act to validly undertake the proposed act and then withdraw the non-claimant application.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNNT.

For assistance or further information contact Carissa Kok on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nnnt.gov.au

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Human Services
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Aboriginal Service Co-Ordinator

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
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Weja Branch, Moruya/Bega
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 09-HCS-21169

Total remuneration package valued up to \$68,172 per annum (Salary: \$56,009 pa - \$61,778 pa) includes annual leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description:

Responsible for identifying Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers/families who require case management services and advocate on their behalf to existing agencies to provide these services.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated experience in case management, assessment, contract management and brokerage in a similar community service organisation.
- Knowledge of the complex needs of Aboriginal communities and proven experience in providing culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal communities.
- Demonstrated ability to network with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal service providers, groups and networks at a community level.
- Demonstrated experience in facilitation and co-ordination in order to develop and train staff to meet the client needs.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the needs of the frail aged, their carers, specific disability and cultural groups.
- Demonstrated written, oral, administrative and record keeping skills.
- Computer literacy.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Current Driver's Licence and own vehicle.

This position can be located in either Moruya or Bega. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

For Enquiries: Sharon Bloxsome (02) 4421 0947

For Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6122 3520

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: As per link in the Information Package or post to: the Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629 Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Closing Date: Friday 15 January 2010

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If after reading the selection documentation you require further information, contact Alana Harris on (02) 6261 4220 or e-mail: HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au

Applications together with an application cover sheet and the names and telephone numbers of two recent referees should be forwarded to:

The Recruitment Officer
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
GPO Box 553
Canberra ACT 2601
Closing Date: COB 22/01/2010

Applications may also be forwarded by e-mail: HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au

Applicants must address the selection criteria, which include the ability to demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of Indigenous cultures and the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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For full details including Position Description and Key Selection Criteria, contact Michael Davis on 03 9482 4585 or email: michael.davis@ahvic.org.au

Applications close Friday 29th January 2010



Project Officer Indigenous Health

WentWest is a provider of education, training and support services for General Practitioners in Western Sydney.

We have an exciting role for a project officer to work with Indigenous communities and service providers to improve Indigenous access to mainstream primary care, foster collaboration between care providers, and to improve capacity of general practice to deliver culturally sensitive primary care.

This full time role requires someone with a sound understanding of Indigenous health issues, excellent communication, program management and interpersonal skills and be able to influence

people in a stimulating environment.

Applicants will have to be achievement oriented, have experience in working with Indigenous populations, tertiary qualifications, project management skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision and as part of a team

If you have the ability to deliver and the credentials, please send your C.V along with a covering letter to recruitment@wentwest.com.au or call Micheal Kundukulam on phone 02 8833 8031



Many Rivers Regional Housing
MANAGEMENT SERVICES ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Applications for Employment

are sought for appointment as a Tennant / Property Management Officer with the **Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation**

Applications are sought from interested Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in being employed on a term contract basis by the **Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation (MRRHMSAC)** to carry out the role of Tennant / Property Officer based in the Coffs Harbour Office.

The MRRHMSAC is an independent Organisation who delivers housing management services to Aboriginal Housing Providers throughout the Many Rivers Region predominantly.

The selection process will include the submission of a written application, demonstrating the candidate's suitability for interview and possible appointment to the

position of Tennant / Property Management Officer.

The role of Tennant / Property Officer will require regular travel throughout the Many Rivers region.

To obtain a copy of the information package, including the selection criteria, please contact the Kempsey office of the MRRHMSAC on (02) 65 628363. For any further enquiries, please feel free to contact Andrew Hegedus on (0437) 571837 or at andrewh@mrrahms.com.au.

Applications should be marked "Private and Confidential" - Tennant / Property Officer - Coffs Harbour Recruitment, and addressed to: MRRHMSAC
P.O. Box 111, KEMPSEY NSW 2440

Please note the closing date for all applications is COB 27 January 2010.

No late applications will be considered. No facsimiles will be accepted.



NSW Ombudsman

Vacancy

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER, Clerk Grade 9-10, Strategic Projects Division

Position No. 10/001

Salary range: \$85,650 - \$94,384 pa – Total Remuneration Package up to \$104,153 pa

Role: To carry out planning, research, consultation and project-management activities associated with the Ombudsman's audit of the *NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities* and other projects, investigations and reviews as required

Selection criteria:

- excellent oral, interpersonal and written communication skills
- high level ability to effectively liaise and consult with a diverse range of stakeholders, including Aboriginal people
- well-developed capacity for sound judgment/initiative in handling sensitive matters
- high level project management, analytical, research and report writing skills
- capacity to interpret legislation, policies and guidelines
- sound word processing and database skills

Job Notes:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for this temporary position.
- One temporary position is currently available for a period of up to December 2012.
- Short listed applicants will be subject to security vetting which includes a criminal records check, working with children check and providing a statement as to certain personal particulars.
- An eligibility list may be created for future permanent and/or temporary vacancies.

Information packages: Anna Papanastasiou (02) 9265 0478

Inquiries: Julianna Demetrius (02) 9286 0920

Applications to: apply online at www.jobsnsw.gov.au

Applications close Friday 5 February 2010

Late applications will not be accepted



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1723	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	249.57ha	10km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
16/474 & 16/481	Royce William Allen	301.55ha	48km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°36' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie
31/469	Avoca Resources Ltd	594.59ha	139km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 122°39'	Menzies
36/681	Camel Toe Exploration Pty Ltd	47.85ha	28km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°04' Long 120°28'	Leonora
39/629	Haoma Mining NL	68.2ha	75km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°17' Long 122°27'	Leonora
40/330	Trevor John Dixon	320.47ha	20km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°04' Long 121°21'	Leonora
	Wayne Craig Van Blitterswyk				
	Wayne Vincenthalloran				
45/1193	Dumpna Pty Ltd	419.51ha	27km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°32' Long 118°29'	Port Hedland Town
47/1426	United Iron Pty Ltd	599.96ha	91km SE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°57' Long 118°47'	East Pilbara
52/1045	Warwick Resources Ltd	600.76ha	41km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 120°12'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
					Sandstone
57/622	Troy Resources NL	27.23ha	1km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°59' Long 119°17'	

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 13 January 2010

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **13 April 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 May 2010**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/242	Pluton Resources Ltd Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	82.09ha	134km N'ly of Derby	Lat 16°05' Long 123°32'	Derby-West Kimberley
15/4831-2	Alan Paul Rudd	246.43ha	15km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°36' Long 121°29'	Coolgardie
15/5412	Peter Romeo Gianni	9.41ha	6km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°00' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
15/5449	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	57.98ha	22km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
15/5454	Brian Robert Cahill	16.44ha	13km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°25' Long 121°27'	Coolgardie
15/5457	Peter Romeo Gianni	119.67ha	42km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°09' Long 120°47'	Coolgardie
15/5463	George Juris Petersons	4.88ha	19km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°06' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie
15/5469-73	Lynton James Downe	457.04ha	13km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie
15/5474-81	Lynton James Downe	966.62ha	17km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°04' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
15/5482-3	Avoca Resources Ltd	400ha	42km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°42' Long 121°56'	Coolgardie
15/5484-8	Avoca Resources Ltd	859.41ha	46km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°44' Long 121°58'	Coolgardie
15/5491	Bryce Tyler Bonza	51.37ha	13km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
16/2572	Royce William Allen	191.88ha	47km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°33' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie
16/2639-40	Gianni Holdings Pty Ltd	366.14ha	52km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°02'	Kalgoorlie
16/2642-6	La Mancha Resources Pty Ltd	946.16ha	53km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°31' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
20/2118	Mark Denishargreaves	26.4ha	6km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 117°55'	Cue
21/709	Victor Michael Caruso	135.46ha	20km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°36' Long 117°54'	Cue
21/710-11	Mt Magnet Gold NL	243.18ha	20km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°35' Long 117°57'	Cue
24/3930	Hayes Mining Pty Ltd	191.54ha	43km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4471	Western Resources Pty Ltd Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	124.18ha	50km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 121°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4474-6	Adam Frank Hill	505.5ha	55km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°06'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2103	Boulder Resources Pty Ltd	102.96ha	39km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2106	Integra Mining Ltd	117.3ha	38km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°55' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2107	Integra Mining Ltd	199.71ha	33km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°05' Long 121°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2114	Integra Mining Ltd	137.86ha	43km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°01' Long 122°04'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3736	Northern Mining Ltd	185.14ha	26km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3740	GWC Contracting Pty Ltd	62.96ha	5km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3741	Kalgoorlie Ore Treatment Company Pty Ltd	133.1ha	24km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3742	Kalgoorlie Ore Treatment Company Pty Ltd	151.59ha	20km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3743-4	Ronald Stuncu Andrei	369.27ha	20km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/1675-6	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	277.4ha	80km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°27' Long 121°50'	Menzies
36/1720-1	Chandling Pty Ltd	353.58ha	76km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°18' Long 121°01'	Leonora
36/1722-3	Chandling Pty Ltd	336.16ha	73km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°20' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/1724-5	Chandling Pty Ltd	396.67ha	68km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°21' Long 120°57'	Leonora
36/1726-7	Chandling Pty Ltd	320.12ha	68km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°23' Long 121°02'	Leonora
38/3866-7	Glenn William Baker	282.56ha	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°17'	Laverton
38/3868	Glenn William Baker	118.96ha	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°17'	Laverton
38/3876	Falcon Minerals Ltd	50ha	136km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°55' Long 122°12'	Laverton
51/2535-6	Allarow Pty Ltd	305.88ha	54km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°03' Long 118°40'	Meekatharra
51/2634	Kole Enterprises Pty Ltd	171.84ha	45km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°58' Long 118°37'	Meekatharra
51/2635	Kole Enterprises Pty Ltd	123.53ha	53km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°01' Long 118°42'	Meekatharra
51/2636	Kole Enterprises Pty Ltd	175.12ha	38km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°55' Long 118°34'	Meekatharra
51/2637-41	Geoffrey William Pember	944.88ha	50km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°02' Long 118°29'	Cue
51/2645	Kingsreef Pty Ltd	21.6ha	62km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°08' Long 118°31'	Cue
53/1516-7	Richard Forbes Donald-Hill	260.07ha	70km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 120°48'	Wiluna
57/1248	John Bennett	1.61ha	2km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°59' Long 119°19'	Sandstone
58/1488	Vestiga Pty Ltd	27.08ha	2km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°03' Long 117°51'	Mount Magnet

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 13 January 2010

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 April 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 May 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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GOVERNMENT OF
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The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
20/586	Duketon Consolidated Pty Ltd	334694	8.36ha	70km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 26°57' Long 117°24'	Cue
29/555	Australian Nickel Mines Pty Ltd	284758	25.35ha	68km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°04' Long 121°35'	Menzies
37/834	Rhodes Resources Pty Ltd	333770	350ha	11km W'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°12'	Leonora
37/903	Xstrata Nickel Australasia Operations Pty Ltd	334526	21.62ha	49km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 120°56'	Leonora
37/950	Rhodes Resources Pty Ltd	333771	350ha	11km W'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°12'	Leonora
38/1758	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	334926	32.25ha	57km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°46' Long 122°21'	Laverton
52/1459	Pannawonica Iron Associates Cape Lambert Iron Associates Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	335692	74.97ha	96km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 118°47'	East Pilbara
53/1322	Echo Resources Ltd	335220	4.72ha	72km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 120°53'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 13 January 2010

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 April 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 May 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Government of **Western Australia**
Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION: 1. Part Lot 153 on Deposited Plan 220110 shown hatched as Part Lot 153 on Deposited Plan 64847, being part of Pastoral Lease 330/1967 "Urala Station" Volume 3135 Folio 585 Area: 294 hectares; 2. Part Lot 163 on Deposited Plan 220110 shown hatched as Part Lot 163 on Deposited Plan 64847, being part of Pastoral Lease 330/1967 "Urala Station". Volume 3135 Folio 584 Area: 3.2 hectares; 3. Part Lot 152 on Deposited Plan 220265 shown hatched as Part Lot 152 on Deposited Plan 64847, being part of Pastoral Lease 56/1967 "Minderoo Station". Volume 3098 Folio 710 Area: 35 hectares; 4. Part Lot 152 on Deposited Plan 220265 shown cross hatched as Part Lot 152 on Deposited Plan 64847, being part of Pastoral Lease 56/1967 "Minderoo Station". Volume 3098 Folio 710 Area: 3 hectares; 5. Part Lot 162 on Deposited Plan 220265 shown cross hatched as Part Lot 162 on Deposited Plan 64847, being part of Pastoral Lease 56/1967 "Minderoo Station". Volume 3098 Folio 711 Area: 7 hectares; 6. Part Lot 150 on Deposited Plan 220207 shown cross hatched as Part Lot 150 on Deposited Plan 64847, being unallocated Crown land. Volume 3046 Folio 473 Area: 14.6 hectares **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 64856

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Ashburton **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown. All rights created by the grant of existing mining tenements under the Mining Act 1978 are also excluded. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Natural gas, processing and associated purposes. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Disposition under the Land Administration Act 1997 **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Land has been identified as being suitable for natural gas production and associated purposes. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 8 April 2010 **FILE:** 00995-2008-01RO **REF:**083449

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, Midland Square, Midland, 6056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian Allison, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5178. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 7 April 2010. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 7 January 2010. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 7 April 2010. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 4 December 2009

HON BRENDON GRYLLES MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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Sport

Thunder re-signs two key players



TIWI Bombers captain Simon Munkara and Centralian Kenny Morton have re-signed with the Northern Territory Thunder for the 2010 season in the Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL) competition.

Munkara played 11 games with the Thunder last year, while Morton played eight games.

Additions to the Thunder for 2010 include Nightcliff's Zephi Skinner, who recently trained with the Western Bulldogs and played with Claremont last season.

Former VFL player Jake Dignan, who is in his second season with Palmerston, also has signed for 2010.

Returning to the Territory is former NT Thunder junior Luke Tyrrell, who last year played with Noosa in the AFLQ Pineapple Cup, where he was awarded the Duncanson Todd Medal for the best player in the competition. He also has played some SANFL football with North Adelaide.

Tiwi Bombers players Nathan Pilakui, Roy Farmer, Samson and Donald Mungatopi have been rewarded for their efforts in keeping the Tiwi Bombers at the top of the NTFL ladder with an opportunity to showcase their talent in the QAFL.

The Thunder said the quartet brought their own piece of Tiwi magic to NT Thunder and would join Bradley Palipuaminni and Simon Munkara in the 2010 squad.

Meanwhile, with the success of the NAB AFL pre-season and rookie draft, the Thunder will be without Relton Roberts (rookie listed by Richmond).

Also leaving will be Jayden Kickett, Phillip Wills and John Anstess who have been told they won't be included in the squad of 45 for 2010.

Another departure is Karl Lohde, who has indicated he would like to continue playing with St Marys, therefore ruling him out of NT Thunder for season 2010 under the 25-game rule.

Michael Long joins the board at football club

AUSTRALIAN football legend Michael Long has become a member of the Northern Territory Football Club (NTFC) board of directors.

Long was one of the driving forces behind the development of NT Thunder.

NTFC Chairman Paul Tyrrell said he was delighted Long had joined the board.

"With Michael's background, we believe he can make a significant contribution to the development of the club in on-field and off-field capacities," Tyrrell said.

Long said he had a passion for the NT Thunder and what it stood for.

"I look forward to working with Paul, Stuart (Totham) and the board to help the club grow," he said.

Long, whose family hails from Ti Tree, began his football with the St Marys Club in Darwin and also played a season with Pioneers in the Central Australian Football League (CAFL).

He was instrumental in the Northern Territory's second-division win at the Bicentennial Carnival in 1988 and played with the West Torrens Football Club where he won the best-and-fairest that year.

In 1989, Long began his career at Essendon – a career that spanned 12 years and included 190 games, the 1993 Norm Smith Medal and premierships in 1991 and 2000.

He now works for the AFL as an ambassador, is chairman of the Long Walk Foundation and also sits on the AFL Foundation board.



Tahu on fire in lead-up



TIMANA TAHU



PARRAMATTA veteran Luke Burt says Timana Tahu is ‘killing it’ in his return to the National Rugby League and the Eels winger is keen to play outside the dual international in 2010.

Tahu is one of Parramatta’s three major signings for the 2010 season as the Eels go about rectifying their heartbreaking grand final loss to Melbourne.

After two seasons in rugby union, the 29-year-old has returned to league, joining a star-studded backline at Parramatta headlined by Dally M medallist Jarryd Hayne.

Burt said Tahu has been outstanding in pre-season training and he was excited about what the former Wallaby would bring to the game.

“You just have to watch him, he is killing it actually,” said Burt.

“He is just that explosive and skillful.

“I think deep down he is probably happy (to be back)... the Parramatta club and especially myself are very happy to see him back because the stuff he can bring to the game is just unbelievable.

“He is going to be someone that you wouldn’t mind playing outside of.

“I would love to be on the left wing outside T. That would be my plan.

“We have got great competition for positions this year. That is good as well. We’re in a good position for this time of the year.” – AAP

Bennett to run the rule over new Maroons

WAYNE Bennett is returning to Brisbane – for the Queensland Academy of Sport Emerging Origin squad camp.

As head coach of the camp, the Brisbane Broncos foundation mentor will run the rule over 14 players earmarked for future State of Origin honours over three days from 22 January.

He will have a handy assistant – Queensland’s four-time Origin-winning coach and Maroons legend Mal Meninga.

The squad boasts some familiar names – and some unexpected entries.

Four players retained their spot in the annual camp: Broncos flyer Steve Michaels, Penrith danger man Maurice Blair, South Sydney halfback Chris Sandow and his new Rabbitohs team-mate, ex-Broncos wrecking ball David Taylor.

The ten new faces indicate just how quickly some players have rocketed into Origin contention.

After stellar seasons for the Broncos, hooker Andrew McCullough and winger Jharal Yow Yeh have been given a nod.

Other newcomers are Gold Coast Titans speedsters William Zillman and Esi Tonga and their new team-mate, former Melbourne Storm youngster Joseph Tomane.

At just 19, Tomane turned heads this season when he piled on 24 points in just his ninth NRL game for Melbourne in a demolition of the Broncos.

He then caused an even bigger stir soon after by signing a two-year deal with the Titans, much to the frustration of Storm coach Craig Bellamy.

Canberra Toyota Cup regular Daniel Vidot, rejuvenated North Queensland Cowboys forward Scott Bolton, Penrith backrower Matt Bell and South Sydney’s Ben Lowe will also attend. – AAP

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of a Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
ML95625 Blue Caroline	Approx. 115km West North West of Winton Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Winton	Current Land Tenures: Lot 6 on KN43 – Pastoral Holding 45/5359 (Mining and access) Lot 2 on SP159840 – Pastoral Holding 45/5361 (Access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 2.7775 ha	Wayne Andrew LANGE

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Court House, Vindex Street Winton, Qld 4735, Telephone (07) 4657 1727.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a ‘native title party’ is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 3 February 2010



Queensland Government

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicants
ML95616 Templemount	Approx. 93 Km North West from Adavale Local Government Area: Barcoo Shire Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 7 on CV836080 – Pastoral Holding 3/5232 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 21.4545 Ha	Barry James Brown, Richard Eric Slip, Jasmin White & Brian Neil Hennessy

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

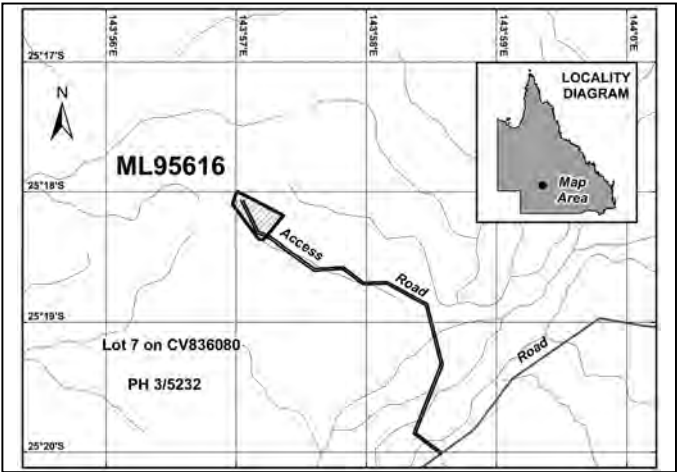
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Notification Day: 3 February 2010



Queensland Government



NOTICE TO GRANT RETENTION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1	Haddington Resources Ltd	1722.15ha	57km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°31' Long 122°10'	Coolgardie
51/1	Impact Minerals Ltd	2680.85ha	56km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°04' Long 118°40'	Meekatharra

Nature of the act: Grant of retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 13 January 2010

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 April 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 May 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
29/78	Jupiter Mines Ltd	6341ha	64km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°21' Long 120°29'	Menzies
57/32	Cashmere Iron Limited	40700ha	103km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°52' Long 119°38'	Sandstone

The Purposes for L29/78 are search for groundwater

The Purposes for L57/32 are search for groundwater

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 13 January 2010

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 April 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 May 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Sport



COEN ELLA

Soccer's turn to benefit from the Ella magic



THE Ella name is synonymous with sport. There's the famous rugby union Ella brothers, there's their pioneering netballing sister Marcia, and there's their rugby league cousin Steve.

Now soccer could be the next sport to benefit from the Ella magic.

It's early days, but 12-year-old Coen Ella – nephew to Steve Ella and related to rugby union's Ella brothers and Marcia Ella-Duncan – is taking tentative steps in the round-ball game.

Coen has been selected in the Football NSW Project 22 Central Coast region under-12s as a goalkeeper.

Coen's dad Greg Ella is a first cousin of the rugby union Ella trio and their sister Marcia, who became the first Indigenous woman to represent Australia at netball.

Coen turns 12 this month and lives at Fountindale with parents Greg and Marion. He is the youngest of five – the other four being his half brothers and sisters.

Coen played his junior soccer with Gosford City, and his parents said he always loved being a goalkeeper, following in the footsteps of his brother Adam and sister Krista who played in the same position.

He started playing at the age of five.

He has just completed primary school at Warnervale and will start high school this year.

In 2008 he was his primary school's junior sportsman of the year.

He also does karate and his next grading will for his first level of brown belt.

Coen's ambition is to play soccer for the Central Coast Mariners and the Socceroos.

Last year he represented Far Metropolitan North at the NSW under-11 State titles. The team finished fifth.

He now trains four times a week and plays six-a-side soccer on Sundays.

Also in the Project 22 Central Coast team is another Aboriginal boy – Bailey Appo.

Bailey attends the same school as Coen.

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML10339 The Real Iron Duke	Approx. 20.5 km West from Proserpine Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Current Lot 32 on HR2033 – Pastoral Holding 5/5032 (mining and access) Land Tenures Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 5.1002 Ha	Billy-Joe Daniel GRAHAM

Nature of the Acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

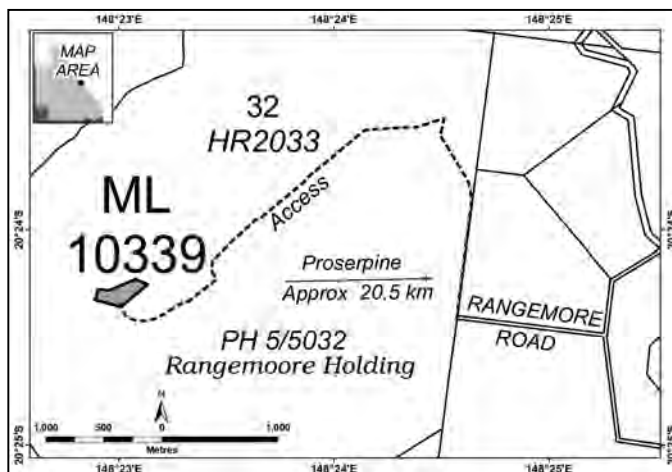
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Queensland Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, QLD 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Charters Towers Mining Registrar, Tropical Weeds Research Centre, 27 – 43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, QLD 4820. Telephone: 07 4761 5762.

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Notification Day: 3 February 2010



Queensland Government

Focus on remote areas under new strategic plan




A THREE-YEAR strategic plan for Australian rules in the Northern Territory has been announced by the Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT). Chief Executive Tony Frawley said the plan had the potential to deliver a number of profound and lasting positive outcomes for the Australian football participants across the Territory. “In particular, our strategy has a focus on providing opportunities for Indigenous people in remote areas of the Territory,” he

said. Key Elements of the strategic plan include: ● AFLNT to increase its reach and positive social impact into more remote areas, following on from the success of the projects in Wadeye, Groote Eylandt and Galiwinku. ● Adoption of objective ‘no matter where you live, your age or gender you can play AFL’. ● Ensure the NT Talent Pathway provides a clear path for all talented NT players, and provides specific support and structure in regional and remote areas

● To develop AFL matches in NT into premium sporting events. ● Develop a Territory-wide plan for facility development to enhance growth of the game. ● Continual support and development of NT Thunder and an appropriate Academy to foster this. ● Strong focus on the growth of the NTFL and affiliates by strengthening the necessary structures that underpin affiliate league future self-management. A close partnership with all levels of government is paramount to this.

● AFLNT participation rates have grown and this plan ensure the future growth and development of AFL as the Northern Territory’s No 1 sport well into the future. “Our focus is on sustaining our current programs, supplementing it with adequate growth to ensure our status as the number one sport in the Northern Territory,” said Frawley. ● The AFLNT Strategic Plan can be downloaded from www.afint.com.au or telephone (08) 8980 4888 for more information.

<div><div>GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA</div></div> <div>The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>:</div>												NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES				
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29																
NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE	NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE					
04/1950, 04/1952 & 04/1956-57	Rey Kimberley Pty Ltd	833.82km²	122km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°16' Long 124°57'	Derby-West Kimberley	38/2338	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	26.99km²	35km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°24'	Laverton					
04/1951	Kevin Peter Sibraa	13.06km²	78km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°31' Long 125°20'	Derby-West Kimberley	38/2344	Christopher Robert Flessler	24.1km²	22km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°27' Long 122°16'	Laverton					
04/1954	Rey Kimberley Pty Ltd	169.51km²	62km SW'ly of Derby	Lat 17°37' Long 123°09'	Derby-West Kimberley	38/2358	Jarvie Exploration Pty Ltd	135.21km²	114km SE'ly of Cosmo	Lat 28°45' Long 123°40'	Laverton					
04/1955	Rey Kimberley Pty Ltd	45.59km²	85km E'ly of Broome	Lat 17°49' Long 123°01'	Broome/Derby-West Kimberley	38/2362	Eleckra Mines Ltd	58.14km²	96km E'ly of Cosmo	Lat 27°59' Long 123°52'	Laverton					
04/1960	Derby Salt Pty Ltd	25.99km²	102km S'ly of Derby	Lat 18°13' Long 123°30'	Derby-West Kimberley	38/2364	A1 Minerals Ltd	3km²	53km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 122°52'	Laverton					
04/1961	Derby Salt Pty Ltd	12.99km²	103km S'ly of Derby	Lat 18°14' Long 123°43'	Derby-West Kimberley	38/2365	A1 Minerals Ltd	3km²	51km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 122°50'	Laverton					
04/1962	Derby Salt Pty Ltd	624.18km²	192km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°05' Long 124°02'	Derby-West Kimberley	39/1508	Wanbanna Pty Ltd	9.02km²	25km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°38' Long 122°09'	Laverton					
04/1963	Derby Salt Pty Ltd	55.22km²	108km S'ly of Derby	Lat 18°17' Long 123°37'	Derby-West Kimberley	39/1511	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	62.52km²	124km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°42' Long 122°42'	Menzies					
04/1966	Archer Builders Pty Ltd	29.41km²	16km NE'ly of Derby	Lat 17°12' Long 123°44'	Derby-West Kimberley	40/263	Wayne Craig Van Blitterswyk	8.99km²	21km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°03' Long 121°24'	Leonora					
08/1993	Golden Century Mining Limited	628.74km²	94km SE'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 23°28' Long 114°37'	Ashburton/Carnarvon	40/266	Paddick Investments Pty Ltd	14.96km²	40km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°28'	Menzies					
08/2056	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	315.31km²	158km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°57' Long 115°44'	Ashburton	40/269	Trevor John Dixon	5.99km²	19km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°03' Long 121°23'	Leonora					
09/1664	Paul Anthony Penniman Lewis	34.73km²	119km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°21' Long 116°06'	Upper Gascoyne	45/2726	Acebell Holdings Pty Ltd	158.92km²	23km SE'ly of Telfer	Lat 21°47' Long 122°26'	East Pilbara					
09/1683	Atlas Iron Ltd	43.6km²	6km E'ly of Carnarvon	Lat 24°54' Long 113°43'	Carnarvon	45/3522	Great Sandy Pty Ltd	192.75km²	50km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°41' Long 120°35'	East Pilbara					
09/1685	Gunson Resources Ltd	82.88km²	89km SE'ly of Denham	Lat 26°34' Long 114°04'	Shark Bay	47/1983	Atriplex Ltd	111.37km²	15km E'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°38' Long 116°28'	Ashburton					
09/1690	Catalyst Metals Ltd	96.93km²	135km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°04' Long 115°59'	Upper Gascoyne	47/2152	Ferro Metals Australia Pty Ltd	15.97km²	50km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°04' Long 118°07'	Port Hedland Town Roebourne					
09/1691	Atlas Iron Ltd	128.58km²	192km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 26°42' Long 116°03'	Murchison	47/2158	Mithril Resources Ltd	143.56km²	52km S'ly of Karratha	Lat 21°13' Long 116°48'	Ashburton/Roebourne					
09/1692	Atlas Iron Ltd	173.69km²	186km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 26°23' Long 116°25'	Murchison	51/1307	Emu Nickel NL	12.2km²	59km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°07' Long 118°36'	Cue/Meekatharra					
09/1693	Atlas Iron Ltd	141.2km²	177km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 26°22' Long 116°13'	Murchison	51/1308	Silver Swan Group Ltd	12.2km²	59km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°07' Long 118°36'	Cue/Meekatharra					
09/1714	Mincor Tungsten Pty Ltd	305.42km²	128km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°29' Long 116°18'	Upper Gascoyne	51/1310	Silver Swan Group Ltd	6.1km²	56km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°05' Long 118°33'	Cue					
15/1148	Ronald William Brown	58.69km²	29km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°12' Long 121°16'	Coolgardie	51/1326	Alchemy Resources (Murchison) Pty Ltd	42.77km²	41km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°57' Long 118°27'	Meekatharra					
15/1149	Rubicon Resources Ltd	26.38km²	42km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°16' Long 122°06'	Coolgardie	51/1354	Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Ltd	193.93km²	71km N'ly of Cue	Lat 26°48' Long 117°44'	Cue/Meekatharra					
15/1159	Andrea Lee Williams	29.43km²	9km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie	51/1402	Kingsreef Pty Ltd	3.04km²	63km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°09' Long 118°29'	Cue					
16/391	Regalpoint Exploration Ltd	100.92km²	93km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°12' Long 120°11'	Coolgardie/Menzies	51/1403	Kingsreef Pty Ltd	18.3km²	61km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°08' Long 118°33'	Cue/Meekatharra					
21/139	Hayjae Enterprises Pty Ltd	60.74km²	25km SE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°36' Long 118°02'	Cue	51/1404	Citic Nickel Australia Pty Ltd	125.5km²	71km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°11' Long 118°46'	Cue/Meekatharra					
21/140	JML Resources Pty Ltd	103.27km²	16km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°34' Long 117°50'	Cue	52/2192	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	47.25km²	13km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 119°38'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra					
21/141	Mt Magnet Gold NL	15.18km²	24km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°38' Long 117°58'	Cue	52/2301	Kiamora Pty Ltd	56.67km²	27km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°20' Long 119°28'	East Pilbara					
24/158	Heron Resources Ltd	2.96km²	52km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°09' Long 120°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	52/2354	Giralia Resources NL	69.15km²	45km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°39' Long 120°01'	Meekatharra					
24/167	St Barbara Ltd	26.63km²	66km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°25' Long 120°51'	Menzies	52/2394-5	Audax Resources Ltd	431.39km²	141km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°20' Long 119°57'	Meekatharra					
25/412	Paddick Investments Pty Ltd	120.62km²	63km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°53' Long 122°13'	Coolgardie	52/2460	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	572.56km²	29km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°33' Long 119°55'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra					
25/413	Heron Resources Ltd	38.18km²	45km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°03' Long 122°06'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	52/2469	Geoffrey Ross Ladyman	3.14km²	16km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°20' Long 117°43'	Ashburton					
25/424	Northern Mining Ltd	2.94km²	24km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	52/2492	Glenn Griffin Venn Money	217.53km²	163km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°08' Long 119°58'	Meekatharra					
25/427	Integra Mining Ltd	5.87km²	41km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°01' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	52/2505	Glenn Griffin Venn Money	9.29km²	153km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°21' Long 119°32'	Meekatharra					
27/413	Carrick Gold Ltd	139.26km²	67km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°13' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/ Menzies	53/1472	Echo Resources Ltd	9.17km²	80km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°56' Long 120°56'	Wiluna					
28/1947	Bolgart Rise Pty Ltd	150.22km²	105km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°48' Long 124°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	53/1475	Magellan Metals Pty Ltd	30.68km²	35km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°37' Long 119°52'	Wiluna					
28/1948	Bolgart Rise Pty Ltd	461.52km²	100km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°24' Long 124°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	53/1501	Bushwin Pty Ltd	48.89km²	74km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°58' Long 120°50'	Wiluna					
28/1979	Manhattan Corporation Ltd	219.08km²	174km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°15' Long 123°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	53/1502	Bushwin Pty Ltd	3.05km²	69km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 120°50'	Wiluna					
28/1986	Heron Resources Ltd	41.22km²	70km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°50' Long 122°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	53/1506	Alan Paul Rudd	33.89km²	80km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°02' Long 120°43'	Wiluna					
28/1992	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	59.28km²	127km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°09' Long 122°36'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/ Menzies	53/1507	Alan Paul Rudd	123.05km²	77km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°13' Long 120°52'	Wiluna					
28/1995	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	5.92km²	115km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°11' Long 122°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City	53/1508	Alan Paul Rudd	33.76km²	71km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°27' Long 120°55'	Wiluna					
28/2006	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	20.46km²	105km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°29' Long 122°43'	Dundas	57/805	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	3.04km²	68km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°33'	Sandstone					
28/2007 & 28/2009	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	116.67km²	106km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°40' Long 122°43'	Dundas	57/806	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	3.05km²	68km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°24' Long 119°31'	Sandstone					
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Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.
Notification day: 13 January 2010
Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have

Yarrabah students meet Sea Eagles

SCHOOL students at Yarrabah, near Cairns, in far north Queensland, have repaid visits by students from a Sydney school.

In recent years, between 20 and 30 Year 10 and 11 students from the Covenant Christian School at Belrose, Sydney, have visited Yarrabah during school holidays.

There, they have worked with the local community to run a holiday program for the children. Activities have included games, face painting, drama workshops, talks, singing and lots of footy.

The aim has been to build relationships between the two communities.

But late last year the Covenant sponsored a small group of Yarrabah children and an adult to visit Sydney for six days to continue the relationship.

The Yarrabah students joined the Covenant students and families in activities such as Oztag, meeting and hanging out with the school's mission teams, attending classes, sport and assemblies and joining youth groups and even learning to surf.

They also visited the Manly Sea Eagles NRL side at a training session and chatted with players, grabbed some autographs and posed for pictures.

Sea Eagles spokeswoman Deanne Lees said the Yarrabah students were 'a joy to have at our home base here at Narrabeen'.

"We look forward to future involvement with the exchange program," she said.

● **RIGHT: Yarrabah students pictured with big Manly-Warringah rugby league prop George Rose at Narrabeen.**



Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
EPM14988	Approx. 20 km West from Forsayth Centred at Lat. 18°35'S Long. 143°24'30"E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normaton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2225 z 2226 v 2297 d, e 2298 a	Orion Metals Limited 096 142 737

Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) create Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek a renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permit subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permit will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

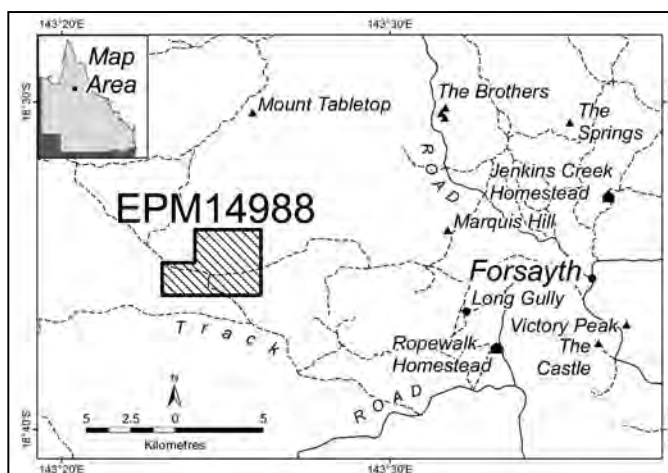
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 3 February 2010



Queensland Government



Industry & Investment

MINING LEASE APPLICATION 337, ACT 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease

An area of 52.5 hectares situated approximately 7 kilometres south south-east of Kandos, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118) and SK Australia Pty Limited (ACN 003 964 225) are the applicants of **Mining Lease Application 337 (Act 1992)** for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for Coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

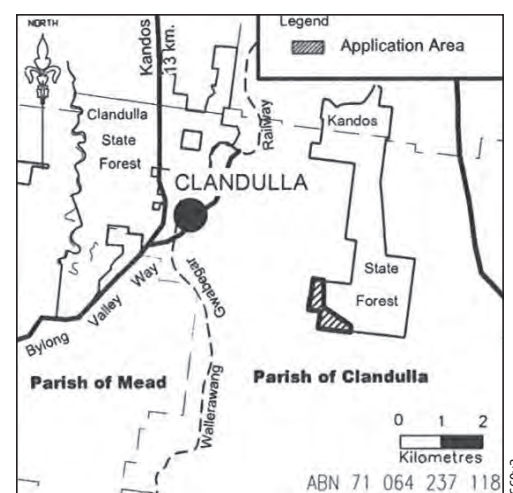
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, Industry & Investment NSW, (02) 4931 6578 or by fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **28 January 2010**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Cook leads NSW



Jeff Cook batting for NSW Country during the 2009 Australian Country Cricket championships at Eudunda oval.

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS left-hand batsman Jeff Cook is continuing his role as the NSW captain at the 26th annual Australian Country Cricket Championships being played in Albury-Wodonga.

The carnival began on 3 January and continues this week.

Cook is leading the NSW side for the third time after first captaining the side in Mackay at the 2008 tournament.

Cook, who finished the 2009 titles in the Barossa Valley with a century, is utilising close to a decade's worth of English county cricket experience.

His NSW Blues are looking for a tenth

title since the competition started at Beenleigh in 1984-85.

"We have eight new faces in our side, including a left-arm orthodox spinner, Michael Coulter, who I believe has Indigenous heritage," Cook said.

"It is a bit of a case of a few players moving on and a sprinkling of new faces, which makes it exciting to us.

"NSW and Queensland have been the two states that have dominated this competition, so we're keen to get one back on them after they won the event last year.

"On a personal level, while I haven't batted a lot going into this championship, when I've got to the crease my form hasn't been bad."

The Tamworth cricketer, now 37, spent

more than a decade playing league and county cricket in the Britain, including 136 first-class matches and one-day fixtures for the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club (Northants).

The attacking top-order batsman and handy right-arm medium bowler made more than 4000 runs, including five centuries, with a top score of 137, and he collected 84 wickets, with the best figures of 5/31 at county level.

He played with some of the finest players in the game during his tenure in the country where cricket was born.

Prominent players at Northants during Cook's time included fellow Australian left-handers Matthew Hayden and Michael Hussey. During that period the club had a lot of overseas pros like South

African Andre Nel and Queenslander Martin Love.

Among his claims to fame, Cook once acted as a substitute fieldsman for England in a Test match against Pakistan at Lord's, when the English captain of the day Nasser Hussain left the field injured.

Cook told *The Koori Mail* he was keen to be involved in the 2010 Imparja Cup, but that was 'up in the air at the moment'.

"It will depend on a couple of issues outside my control," he said.

"I really enjoyed time at the Imparja Cup and it has got strong results, identifying really good talent.

"The Indigenous tour of England last year was a great reward for the boys as well."

He can heave... she can jump

MEET two young rising athletes – Derrick Vale Jnr, left, and his cousin Jaiden Walker. They represented NSW at the Australian All-Schools carnival at Homebush, Sydney, last November. Derrick won bronze in the boys' ten years shot put, while Jaiden won silver in the 12 years girls' high jump. Derrick and Jaiden are from the Nambucca Valley, on the NSW north coast, which also happens to be the home of rugby league star Greg Inglis. Derrick attends Macksville Primary School while Jaiden is at Scotts Head Primary. Naturally, their families are proud of their efforts. Brothers Ken and Fred Walker are the pair's grandfathers.



Thunder pleased with draw



EIGHT games in Darwin and four in Alice Springs – that's the hand dealt to the Northern Territory Thunder in the Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL) draw for the 2010 season. Thunder officials are delighted with the draw because it means less travel and more home games 'and more action for our members, sponsors and the Territory football community'.

Highlights will include a first-round match-up against the Brisbane Lions on 9 April at TIO Stadium, Darwin, in what will be the only Friday night game of the season.

Alice Springs' Traeger Park will host its first home game when the Thunder locks horns with the defending premiers the Morningside Panthers on Saturday 24 April.

Thunder fans are set to enjoy a feast of footy in May, with four home games in successive rounds: v Broadbeach Cats in Darwin on 8 May, v Western Magpies in Darwin on 15 May, v Mt Gravatt Vultures in Alice Springs on 22 May, and v Southport Sharks in Darwin on 29 May.

Meanwhile, the Thunder has been

successful in their bid to QAFL Queensland to be able to play 23 players in each game.

The Thunder will use this as an opportunity to provide a young or regional player with the chance to run on to the ground for NT Thunder. The rule also applies to teams travelling to the NT.

Thunder CEO Stuart Totham said: "The 23rd player gives the match committee the ability to pick their best 22 and then use the 23rd spot for a regional or young developing player."

"This is a great opportunity for the club to expose more players to senior QAFL football."

2010 draw

Thunder's draw for the season:

Round 1, Friday 9 April, v Brisbane Lions, TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Round 2, Saturday 17 April, v Redland Bombers, Victoria Point, Qld.

Round 3, Saturday 24 April, v Morningside, Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

Round 4, Sunday 2 May, v Southport Sharks, Frankhauser Reserve, Qld.

Round 5, Saturday 8 May, v Broadbeach Cats, TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Round 6, Saturday 15 May, v Western Magpies, TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Round 7, Saturday 22 May, v Mt Gravatt Vultures, Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

Round 8, Saturday 29 May, v Southport Sharks, TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Round 9, Saturday 5 June, v Labrador Tigers, Cooke-Murphy Oval, Qld.

Round 10, Saturday 19 June, v Mt Gravatt Vultures, Dittmer Park, Qld.

Round 11, Saturday 26 June, v Aspley Hornets, TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Round 12, Saturday 3 July, v Redland Bombers, Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

Round 13, Saturday 10 July, v Morningside, TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Round 14, Saturday 17 July, v the Western Magpies, Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

Round 15, Saturday 31 July, v Brisbane Lions, Gabba, Qld.

Round 16, Saturday 7 August, v Aspley Hornets, Graham Rd, Qld.

Round 17, Saturday 14 August, v Labrador Tigers, TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Round 18, Saturday 21 August, v Broadbeach Cats, TIO Stadium, Darwin.



STUART TOTHAM

Title defenders



● ABOVE: The Black Bream XI at the 2009 Goldfield Ashes after winning their first game at Drinkastubbie Downs field.



● LEFT: On what could be described as a slow wicket, the going sometimes can become heavy during the Goldfield Ashes in Charters Towers.

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS side Black Bream XI face a mighty task to defend their B-2 title at the world's biggest cricket carnival – the 62nd

Goldfield Ashes to be held at Charters Towers, north Queensland, from 23-25 January.

Black Bream consist of Aboriginal players from Charters Towers, and the 62nd carnival will have a record number of teams. Indigenous players will comprise about 20 per cent of the total number of competitors.

At the Goldfield Ashes last January, Black Bream triumphed in what is arguably the most difficult division of any cricket event to win in Australia because of the high number of teams.

A total of 207 teams competed in the Ashes last year, with 126 teams in B-2 division. Black Bream won after strong batting and bowling performances in their undefeated three games.

Kerri Forno, the treasurer of the hosting Charters Towers Cricket Association, told *The Koori Mail* that a record 214 teams would take part in the coming Ashes.

"In A-1 there will be at least five teams, ten in A-2, 30 in B-1, 124 in B-2, 36 in social and nine in the ladies," she said.

Goldfield Ashes has been an amateur cricket carnival conducted over the long weekend in January since 1948 by the Charters Towers Cricket Association Incorporated (CTCA).

In the inaugural year, a modest six teams competed in

one grade, and the carnival has expanded steadily over seven decades into an event which receives extensive media coverage.

The event was recently given the status of being a Queensland Iconic Event, and in 2007 it was recognised by Queensland Events as a regional event worthy of funding.

Cricketers from as far away as Camooweal, Brisbane, Western Australia, Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands and the Torres Strait are set to converge on Charters Towers.

Competition in the Ashes will not include the 26 January public holiday, which falls on Tuesday this year.

Competition

"Therefore, the 2010 Goldfield Ashes will be conducted over the Saturday, Sunday and Monday preceding the Australia Day holiday," Forno said.

Black Bream also was runner-up at the recent Indigenous Cricket Carnival in Charters Towers, which was won by the Bindal XI.

The Black Bream team were founded in 1994 specifically to compete at the Ashes and were named after the fish that has been caught for many years in the Burdekin River.

Roksoff Sisters, which included a high percentage of Indigenous players, took out the 2009 women's competition, and will again be one of the favourites.

The Roksoff Sisters finished with 21.99 points from 719 runs and 29 wickets to beat Mount Isa on 21.58 and Hormoans 17.97p. Indigenous team Black Bream Ladies finished sixth with 15.64 points.

Search on for Indigenous marathon runners



AUSTRALIA'S best-known marathon runner, Robert De Castella, is the driving force behind moves to unearth champion Indigenous marathon runners.

De Castella, four-times Olympian, two-times Commonwealth Games gold medallist and 1983 world marathon

champion, has been scouring all corners of Australia looking for young Indigenous runners he believes have the makings of being top marathon runners.

De Castella said marathon running was a sport that involved few Indigenous Australians.

It was possible the event could be tailor-made for them, the former world record holder said.

His search for potential Indigenous champions has taken him around the country and into remote Indigenous communities.

He has selected six Aboriginal runners and his immediate goal is to prepare them for the 2010 New York Marathon.

De Castella doesn't expect them to shock the world straight away... the New

York Marathon is just a stepping stone toward longer-term goals of producing world-class Indigenous marathon runners.

It is a long haul and De Castella isn't expecting magic overnight transitions.

But with the guidance of De Castella, the young Aboriginal athletes will train under Australia's best coaches and in the best conditions.

Reed 'all fired up'



INDIGENOUS Australian Chad Reed's bid for a third American Supercross title was set to begin last weekend at the season-opening Anaheim 1 round in California.

The Kawasaki rider went into the meeting boosted by several weeks testing the KX450F racebike he will campaign in the 16-round series.

Reed, who has collected 38 AMA Supercross wins, is determined to win back the champion's trophy which he claimed in 2004 and 2008.

"It's been a hectic few months but I am really enjoying it all," he said.

"I feel like I'm fitting in really well with the team, there is such a positive attitude here and everyone has been great.

"To have Ryan (Villopoto) as a team-mate is exciting – as a young rider he has lots of potential and as a team we bring a lot to the table.

"The bike feels very good and we're confident that it will be ready to challenge for wins straight up.

"I'm really enjoying racing at the moment, I feel like my form and fitness is good and importantly I'm having a lot of fun out there which makes a big difference.

"A1 will be a good form guide for the rest of the season and I'm looking to open well by challenging for a win."

The 27-year-old has won seven times at Anaheim, including his first AMA Supercross win in 2003. –AAP

CHAD REED



Rugby league focus on Melbourne



MELBOURNE will be the de facto base for the Australian rugby league

team this year, with the Kangaroos to play half of their home internationals at the Victorian capital's new rectangular stadium.

The 31,500 capacity venue will be officially opened with a league double-header in early May.

The annual Anzac Test between Australia and New Zealand will kick things off on 7 May, followed two days later by NRL premiers Melbourne playing their first game at their new home ground against Brisbane.

The stadium will also host the Four Nations clash between Australia and England on 31 October.

With the 2010 Four Nations final almost certain to be allocated to Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium, the



How the new stadium at Olympic Park, Melbourne, will look.

Kangaroos' only home match in Sydney this year will be against Papua New Guinea. Although the clash against the Kumuls shapes as the most low-key of the Kangaroos' home Tests, Australian Rugby League CEO Geoff Carr was confident there would not be too much of

a backlash in the sport's traditional home.

"It's the issue around all major events these days," he said.

"The really good thing about Melbourne is that they've got an appetite for rugby league, they can promote their city through rugby league and they do a great job in all sports.

"We play a lot of rugby league in Sydney, and when major events come around in all sports, particularly rugby league, we're pretty popular."

The Storm had initially hoped to play their home games against Manly and the New Zealand Warriors at the new venue in rounds six

and seven.

But with the stadium completion date pushed back a few weeks, the club will have to make alternative arrangements which could involve playing the matches at Etihad Stadium, their home for the past couple of years.

"We would love to have opened with them, but in the bigger scheme of things we've waited 13 years now (for a purpose-built venue), we can wait 13-and-a-half," Melbourne CEO Brian Waldron said.

"It's not in any way detracting from what is going to be a sensational opening."

Waldron said once the \$267.5 million rectangular stadium was open, the Storm would play all home matches there, including finals.

"I don't see any need to take games away," he said.

"The ideal scenario is that you would sell it out, that's what you want.

"If we play finals, I'd be disappointed in the first year if we didn't go close to filling it."

The new stadium will be the home for the Storm, the Rebels Super 15 rugby team and Melbourne's two soccer A-League clubs.

The ARL also announced that the opening match of the 2012 State of Origin series would be played in Melbourne – at the MCG or Etihad Stadium. –AAP

Daisy Cup targets far north teams



Daisy Cup organiser Obe Geia.

By ALF WILSON



CAPE York, the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) and Torres Strait teams have been invited to compete in the Vern and Frank Daisy rugby league carnival at the Townsville Sports Reserve on 13-14 February.

The carnival attracts the cream of Indigenous footballers in Queensland.

It is named in honour of legendary north Queensland footballers Vern and Frank Daisy. Vern Daisy was named in the top 150 Queensland icons by the State Government for services to the sport.

Carnival organiser Obe Geia said the third Daisy Cup would be a truly Statewide affair and he expected teams from as far south as Brisbane, west of Mount Isa, and north to Cape York, the NPA and TSI.

"The more teams the merrier and I really want to target sides from Cape York, the NPA and Torres Strait. These teams have proved they are very competitive," Geia told *The Koori Mail*.

Three Palm Island teams will also line up.

Other teams may include the Injinoo Crocs from NPA, and the Argun Warriors and Kulpiyam from the Torres Strait.

Sides from Brisbane, Cherbourg, Woorabinda, Bowen, Mackay, Rockhampton, Mount Isa, Cairns, Yarrabah and Palm Island already have indicated they will nominate.

Mackay Stallions scored a handsome 56-4 win over Western Warriors in the last Daisy Cup grand final in 2008.

The Stallions also took out the final of the Bindal carnival at Townsville during October, when Sydney Bulldogs youngster Ben Barba starred.

However, Barba will not play at the Daisy Cup, although his older brother Aaron will.

The Daisy Cup had been planned for October, but was postponed due to a glut of such carnivals around north Queensland at the time.

"I think this will be one of the biggest All Blacks carnivals in Queensland for a long time," Geia said.

Other All Blacks on the horizon will be at Rockhampton over the January Australia Day weekend, and another in Mount Isa soon after the Daisy Cup.



Vern Daisy with Aaron Barba after the last final.

Blazing a trail?

By ALF WILSON



STAR Cairns cricket all-rounder Glen Martin may be the first Torres Strait Islander cricketer to be selected in the Queensland Country representative side.

"I've talked with the coach about it, and we're not sure, but I could possibly be the first to play in the Queensland Country Open side," Martin said just before the championships.

The Queensland Country Brahmans are competing in the Australian Country Cricket championships at Albury-Wodonga. The tournament began last week and continues this week.

Martin, 28, is one of two Indigenous players in the side, with Barry Weare, who, in his QCA job, visited Palm Island last year with four Australian-A players.

"I'm very excited. My mum and dad, Ida and George, have made a lot of sacrifices for me to play sport, and I'm thankful," Martin said.

"If I can make it, anyone can, just by putting in the hard work and doing your best always. You never know what can happen."

Specific job

Martin said Queensland coach Steve Baker had told him he had a specific job in mind for the Australian titles.

"I've been picked as an all-rounder, so I'll bat at number 7 or 8 and as a first-change bowler, but I'm not sure which of the three forms of the game will suit me during the championships."

Queensland will compete in three forms of cricket – Twenty/20, 50 overs and two-day (100 over) games.

"It will be pretty full-on. Steve thinks I'll be a member of the team for the next few years if I can fill that role," Martin said.

Queensland are the defending champions, but are missing some players from last year such as Luke Feldman, who now has a Queensland Cricket Association contract, and Brian May, from Toowoomba, who is regarded as a



Barry Weare coaching kids on Palm Island last year when he joined some Australia A players on a visit.

champion of bush cricket but is now playing in Brisbane.

"It's something of a new-look side, but there is still a core group from last year and the year before, together with probably seven new players," Martin said.

He said he was having a 'pretty good season so far'.

In representative matches, he took 6-34 in one innings against Mackay, to finish with eight for the match.

And in the second game, he took 1-18 and made 103.

Against Townsville, he took 1-18 from nine overs, but 'didn't do much with the bat'.

"But I probably had done enough by

then to get selected, and I have had a pretty good season with Rovers in Cairns club cricket as well," he said.

Martin says he's never worried about representative honours in previous years, but had a change of heart this year.

Surprise

"I've gone with the attitude of enjoying my sport, and I'm fitter now than in previous years. I haven't nominated for teams in the past and just competed in Cairns," he said.

"But this year I decided to put my name forward, and see if I got selected. Selection has come as a bit of a surprise, but I thought I'd done enough for Cairns."

Martin used to play for Queensland in Imparja Cup in Alice Springs and already had played in the Australian Indigenous team as well as for Cairns.

"I was a member of the Australian Indigenous side which toured England for three weeks in 2001," he said.

Martin is no stranger to the Torres Strait, having lived on Thursday Island while working at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre before moving to Cairns.

He works for the Children's Commission, and spends a fair bit of time in Bamaga.

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More rookies

Players' pathways opened, says Long

Ah Chee gets early call from Gold Coast

By PETER ARGENT



NORTHERN Territory prospect Roland Ah Chee was one of the first five selections in the 15 December Australian Football

League (AFL) rookie draft as clubs topped up their player stocks.

The new Gold Coast franchise had the first five selections.

Among them was Ah Chee, who spent the 2009 season with the Norwood Football Club in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

A hard-running, ball-getting midfielder with a strong heritage in the game, Ah Chee can play inside and outside.

His strengths include his ability to win contested ball, run the lines and deliver the football under pressure.

Outstanding

At the national under-18 championships playing as an over-age player for the Northern Territory Thunder, Ah Chee had an outstanding carnival, averaging 26 disposals each game and winning his team's most valuable player award.

He was also impressive at the South Australian state screening in Adelaide and debuted at senior level for the Redlegs in the SANFL early in the year.

The Gold Coast side under Guy McKenna will play in the VFL competition this year before debuting in the top competition next season.

The West Coast Eagles' first selection and number 11 overall was Lewis Broome, a small forward from Looma, near Broome, in the north of Western Australia.

A Clontarf Academy player, Broome claimed best-on-ground honours for Claremont in the WA Colts grand final in 2009, kicking four goals in an outstanding display.

Convincing

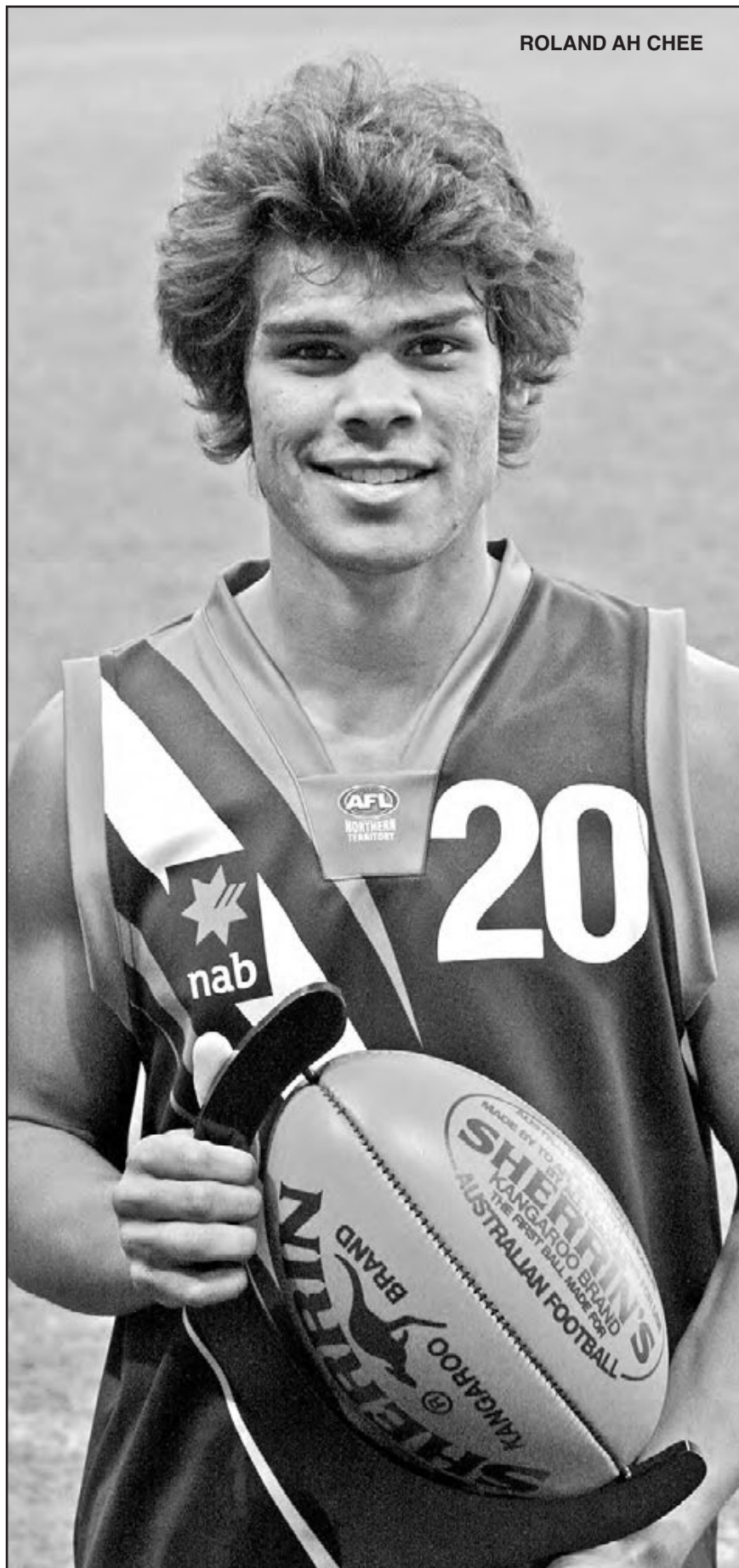
The 170cm, 67kg Mel Whinnen Medallist led his side to a convincing 67-point premiership win over Peel Thunder.

With its three-round option, Richmond again made an interesting choice, securing NT Thunder talent the 178cm, 75kg, 23-year-old Relton Roberts.

Originally from Katherine, Roberts played his football in the NTLF with the Wanderers club in Darwin.

He played as a midfielder-half forward in the inaugural season QAFL last year, displaying his explosive speed and great kicking ability on both sides of his body.

He starred for Euroa, in Victoria's strong Goulburn Valley League, in



ROLAND AH CHEE

2008, and won Wanderers' best-and-fairest award in the NTLF season.

Roberts is now the third Indigenous Territory talent at the Tigers, joining Richard Tambling and Troy Taylor. Many judges believe he is ready to take the leap into the big time.

Former Richmond player Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls, who played just 13 games in four seasons at Punt Road, was collected as the West Coast Eagles' fourth-round selection at pick 53.

This was a surprise selection and an interesting punt by the inaugural West Australian AFL team.

Oakley-Nicholls is noted for his pace and his agility in lateral movement. Despite being a 188cm

on-ball type, he is more of an outside player, which should suit the wide expanses of Subiaco Oval.

Along with the rookie listed players, the Gold Coast has also recently signed Liam Patrick, a cousin of Melbourne's Liam Jurrah who took the AFL by storm last year.

Tanami product

Already nick-named the 'Lajamanu Lightning Bolt', Patrick, 21, is a 189cm high-leaping ruckman from a small community on the northern edge of the Tanami Desert, more than 600km south-west of Katherine.

He joined the Gold Coast in December as a Northern Territory zone selection.

AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) Ambassador and Essendon legend Michael Long has been a big believer in the push towards providing opportunities for regional and remote players from the Northern Territory.

The recent draft results are a testament of where football in the Northern Territory is heading.

"We are providing opportunities to regional and remote Territorians that in some cases would not have been made available to them before, and Relton Roberts is a key example of this," Long said after the latest rookie draft.

"We are only really beginning to scratch the surface of the potential of the central Australian regions of Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Further efforts and resources need to be put into these areas to ensure we can continue to unearth this raw talent we continually see in Territorians."

The Northern Territory again has proved its worth, producing seven draftees through the 2009 AFL draft system.

Draftees Troy Taylor (Alice Springs to Richmond), Relton Roberts (Barunga to Richmond), Roland Ah Chee (Alice Springs to Gold Coast), Shane Thorne (Wanderers to Western Bulldogs), Anthony Long (St Mary's to Essendon) and recent Gold Coast signing Michael Gugliotta (Nightcliff) and Liam Patrick (Lajamanu) have all played in the NT Thunder under-18 or the newly-formed Northern Territory Football Club that competes in the Queensland AFL competition.



MICHAEL LONG

Roberts, a mature-age rookie at 23 years, was picked up by Richmond after playing with the Arnhem Crows in the Katherine and District Football League, Wanderers in the NTLF and more recently with the inaugural NT Thunder squad in the QAFL.

"Relton's pure natural talent could have been lost if it had not been for the focus we now have on remote NT," Long said.

"Further efforts and resources need to be channelled into the Northern Territory, as who knows when the next Relton Roberts – or Liam Patrick for that matter – is going to pop up and surprise us."

"We want to identify these young men early and provide them with the best opportunity possible to make it in the AFL."

"With the structure of football in the Northern Territory this is possible, and the introduction of the NT Thunder provides that safety net for those who may slip through the system."

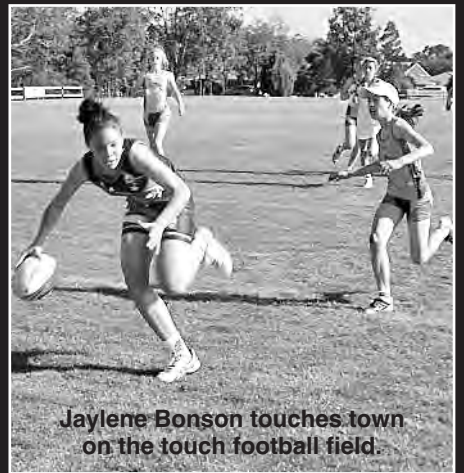
Long said the Northern Territory Football Club had played a part in the drafting of Shane Thorne and Relton Roberts and also promoted under-18 Thunder players such as Taylor and Ah Chee.

"The NT Thunder is the crucial final piece of the puzzle to the NT and its talent pathway," he said.

"With the creation of the Thunder we have more than doubled our three draftees from 2008."

"When AFLNT embarked on their mission to produce a State team such as the NT Thunder and have a development and talent program focused in regional Northern Territory, we did not expect that this would be the outcome this early."

Torn between two sports



Jaylene Bonson touches town on the touch football field.



EXCITING Darwin teenager Jaylene Bonson is on course to represent her country in two sports.

The Casuarina Senior College 16-year-old has been named in the Australian under-18 women's touch football side preparing for the 2011 World Youth Championships.

Jaylene also is a champion basketball player with designs on following another Indigenous star – Rohanee Cox – into the Australian women's Opals team. Already, she has made the Australian under-17 basketball squad.

Jaylene made the squad after playing for the Northern Territory at the national under-18 championships last April in Gawler, South Australia. She is a point guard.

The *Koori Mail* reported last May that Jaylene also was a talented touch footballer, having represented the Australian Indigenous women's open touch team that toured New Zealand last year.

She has now taken another step on the touch footy field with her selection in the Australian under-18 side preparing for next year's World Youth Championships.

But one of her first assignments this year will be back on the basketball court – she will trial with Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) side Dandenong Rangers early this year.

Then, it's back to the footy boots to represent the Northern Territory at the National Touch League.

How she juggles playing two sports at the elite level remains to be seen.

It could well be that at some stage, Jaylene may have to focus on one sport.

But, in the meantime, she loves both sports in a schedule that seems hectic. In a normal day, Jaylene will do two training sessions, gym work, school duties and a part-time job.

"I do it because I love it," she said.

Jaylene comes from three big sporting Indigenous families in Darwin: The Cubillo, Ahmat and Bonson mobs.

Sporting mobs

A grandmother, from the Eastern Arrernte people at Arltunga, 110km east of Alice Springs, is part of the Stolen Generations. She was taken and brought up on Tiwi Island by the Catholic mission.

Her grandfather on her mother's side is part of the Larrakia people from around Darwin. On her father's side, Jaylene's great great grandmother was a Jawon girl, known as Bet Bet the Little Black Princess, in the Australian classic *We of the Never Never*.

Her grandmother on her father's side was from the Torres Strait and was born on Thursday Island.

Her grandfather was top Nightcliff (Darwin) Australian rules footballer Joe Bonson.



Jaylene in action on the basketball court.

Vince's lifetime work honoured



INDIGENOUS cricketing legend Vince Copley has received an International Cricket Council

Centenary Volunteer Medal for his contribution to cricket.

The presentation was made to Copley during a break in the Adelaide Test match between Australia and the West Indies. He was presented with his medal by ICC President David Morgan.

Cricket Australia (CA) said on its website that Vince Copley had been an integral part of the development of Indigenous Cricket 'not only in South Australia, but across the country'.

"Vince has been on the organising committee of the Lords Taverner's Imparja Cup since its inception and has the honour of having the medal for that competition being named after him," CA said.

"Vince is a hard-working ambassador for cricket whom always places the welfare of the game and its participants first."

The National Museum of Australia website said that like the other 'St Francis House boys' such as Charles Perkins and John



Vince Copley (right) accepts his award from ICC President David Morgan.

Moriarty, success as a footballer helped Vince Copley find a place in society.

"As a young man he played at State level," the museum said.

"He was politically active from the late 1960s, was a member of the Aborigines' Progress Association, and attended annual Federal Council for the

Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) conferences in Canberra.

"His sister Winnie Branson was also an activist. Vince has worked for the community in the Port Adelaide area where his family lived. More recently he has been working with Aboriginal communities on an online project."

Former Test cricketer Ashley Mallett wrote that as a young man, Copley coached the Curramulka Football Club to consecutive premierships in the Southern Yorke Peninsula League in the late 1950s.

"Here was a black man coaching a bunch of wheat growers at a time when

Aboriginals did not even have voting rights," Mallett said.

"A tough rover-cum-centre-man, Copley was fleet-footed, with immaculate ball skills, faster, the oldies say, than Shaun Burgoyne at his peak.

"Copley had a VFL season with Fitzroy, then played under Fos Williams at South Adelaide in 1960."

'Wouldn't miss it'

Mallett wrote that former Test wicketkeeper Barry Jarman rushed down to Adelaide Oval to watch his old mate receive his ICC Centenary Volunteer Medal.

"I played football against Vince," Jarman said, "and I wouldn't miss seeing him get his award."

Mallett said Jarman played a few matches for West Torrens before he broke his leg and decided that standing behind the stumps in world cricket might have been a wiser option than continuing a footy career.

"Vince scored hundreds in the country cricket carnivals and has spent a lifetime furthering the cause of Indigenous cricketers and footballers," Mallett said.

Documentary now on DVD



Les Knox (left) and documentary maker Mark Manion with the DVD *Dreaming of Lords*.



A DOCUMENTARY on the 1988 Aboriginal cricket tour of England is now available on DVD.

Dreaming of Lords followed the 1988 tour of the 17-member Aboriginal Cricket Association team which celebrated the 120th anniversary of the tour of England by the first Aboriginal cricket team.

The 1868 Aboriginal tour was the first tour of England by any Australian cricket team.

The 1988 documentary, made by Mark Manion, of Ballina, first aired on Channel Nine, then the ABC, and later in New Zealand and England.

"I'm really proud of the program," Manion told *The Ballina Shire Advocate*.

"It (the 1868 tour) was a hidden part of our history. It was 14 years before the first Ashes tour."

Filmed over two years

Dreaming of Lords is narrated by Ernie Dingo. It was filmed over two years at more than 100 locations in Australia and England.

Manion followed the team from their homes to playing a Prime Minister's XI at Manly Oval, Sydney, where, *The Advocate* said, the 1868 Aboriginal team played its first game.

The Prime Minister's XI was led by Bob Hawke and included Doug Walters, Brian Taber, Max Walker and West Indian great Clive Lloyd.

Manion also accompanied the 1988 Aboriginal team to England.

The team was captained by John Maquire, a West Australian who played first grade cricket in Perth in the 1970s.

Maquire claimed discrimination was alive and

well back then because he could not break into the West Australian Sheffield Shield team even though he topped the Perth competition run aggregate for several years in a row. And that was when bowling great Dennis Lillee was at his menacing best.

Maquire's team played 28 games in the 1988 English tour, winning 16 of them.

Other tour highlights were meeting the Queen at Buckingham Palace and going backstage at an INXS concert at Wembley Stadium.

Well-known cricket player and now administrator/umpire Les Knox was a driving force behind the 1988 tour.

At the time, Narrabri-born Knox was and only Aborigine playing grade cricket in Sydney. He was a fast bowler with North Sydney.

Knox contacted Vince Copley, another high-profile cricket administrator, and momentum for the tour began to grow.

It started with a NSW Aboriginal team in 1985. Manion told *The Advocate* he had heard about the idea for a tour and he contacted Les Knox with the aim of making a film.

"I was making a documentary about Charles Perkins at the time, so I told Charlie about it," he said.

He said Mr Perkins had given a positive response, so he and Les Knox contacted former rugby union Wallaby Mark Ella.

Ella subsequently became the National Indigenous Cricket Association inaugural chairman.

Cricket legends Ian Chappell, Dennis Lillee and Rod Marsh also threw their weight behind the tour.

To find out more about the DVD, Google *Dreaming of Lords*.

Outer island footy

By ALF WILSON



AN outer Torres Strait Islands rugby league competition looks set to start this year. This follows a Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division summit hosted by Badu

United Sporting Association at Badu Island just before Christmas.

The summit was held to assist regional community delegates make decisions about the way forward for rugby league in the Torres Strait, Northern Peninsula Area, and Central Cape region.

QRL Northern Division chairman Greg Sutherland, Indigenous development officer Harry Deemal and former NSW State of Origin and NQ Cowboys coach Graham Murray were some of the guests at the summit.

Badu Island councillor and TSI rugby league icon Wayne Guivarra said Murray spoke about simple training and coaching techniques.

Vital decisions

"While discussions and information flowed freely, some vital decisions were made that will immediately affect the Torres Strait and Northern Cape in the near future and beyond," Guivarra said.

"The election of an Outer Islands Rugby League executive committee should lead to a competition in 2010, with the communities of Badu, Mabuiag, Kubin and St Pauls expected to participate.

"Sam Colin Maka, Rita Kebisu and Dawn Baira were elected to the committee as president, secretary and treasurer. This now means a Near



Looking good in their summit t-shirts. Traditional owner Peter Warria (centre front) is holding the ball with North Queensland Rugby League Divisional Chairman Greg Sutherland.

Western Cluster competition with four or five teams competing with games on a fairly regular basis."

Kubin and St Pauls are communities on Moa Island.

The Thursday Island-based KRL competition would still be contested, with five and maybe six sides in 2010.

Guivarra said the addition of an Outer Island competition also meant many players would now qualify for inclusion to any representative team that participated at events such as the Foley Shield.

"The current interim committee for the Torres/Cape region will continue to remain as such until a proper annual meeting is

held next November," Guivarra said.

"This will allow the interim committee to put everything in place for a new official Torres/Cape umbrella organisation. All 2010 Outer Island local games are expected to be played on Badu Island's Joe Mairu Oval until appropriate facilities can be achieved at other communities.

Officials are hoping to expand the competition in 2011 to include teams from Boigu, Dauan, Saibai and Iama.

"Officials will lobby funding agencies to complete facilities at Dauan and seek funding to assist with operating expenses so as to allow further growth and positive

outcomes relating to the Torres Strait's most popular sport," Guivarra said.

He said that Mer community and the Queensland Education Department would be consulted and lobbied to include a full-size football field in the development of their proposed new primary school.

"The Eastern Cluster then would have a facility that can cater fully to rugby league besides other sports. Currently Iama, Masig and Erub have ovals that are too small for full-scale rugby league," Guivarra said.

Hosting rights

MEANWHILE, Badu Island has already been given the go-ahead to host the Jubilee Island of Origin, with changes to the rules expected to see more than 12 teams compete at the 2010 rugby league sporting showcase.

"Teams will have to be from the 15 Torres Strait Island communities only, while player eligibility will also see 30-man squads having a minimum of 25 eligible players who call their respective Island community 'home'," Guivarra said.

"Up to five non-Torres Strait players can be included in each team. But these non-Torres Strait players must be living on their respective team's island.

"Teams have also been encouraged to use traditional names."

Nominations for the Island of Origin close on the 31 March.

Guivarra said funding submissions to TSY&RSA were expected to close early March. Volleyball and darts would not be on the Jubilee program and would make their return to the Origin in 2011, Guivarra said.

Rocky ready to roll

16 accepted for first All Blacks league carnival of the year

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION Torres Strait Island rugby league back Billo Mosby has been lured by Wagadagam Storm from Mabuiag Island, in the Torres Strait, to line up in their colours at the Rockhampton Reconciliation All Blacks carnival this month.

Organising spokesman Walson Carlos told *The Koori Mail* that 16 teams had been accepted: CQ Warriors (2008 champions), Cherbourg Hornets (2009 champions), Ghungalu Knights (2009 runner-up), Cherbourg Hornets 2, Bundaberg Panthers, Bundaberg Eels, Ipswich Purga Wagtails, Gladstone United, Gladstone Wallabys, Tannum Sands Seagulls, Arriba United, Highlanders (Central Highlands), Wada Storms – Ian Moons Memorial Side, Storm United, Mimosa Goannas and Wagadagam Storm.

Carlos said he was delighted to have Wagadagam Storm from the Torres Strait paid up for the carnival.

The much-travelled Mosby is regarded as one of the premier backs at All Blacks carnivals and shone for Argun Warriors which won the October final of the biggest such Queensland carnival, held in Cairns, when they beat Cherbourg Hornets 42-38.

In one of the most dominating individual performances seen in

the decider of a north Queensland All Blacks carnival, Mosby scored five tries and booted five goals for a personal tally of 30 points.

Soon after, Mosby shone for the Warriors when they narrowly won the Dan Ropeyarn Memorial carnival at Bamaga, defeating Injinoo Crocs in extra time in the final.

Mosby hails from Yorke Island and is a halfback or five-eighth who is elusive and a smart kicker in general play and a deadly goal shooter.

In the past few months, Mosby has undergone a rigorous fitness and dietary health campaign and has added half a metre in pace to his already magical game.

Delighted

Organisers of the Rockhampton carnival, to be held from 23-25 January, were delighted that Wagadagam Storm had nominated and paid their entrance fee.

But opposition players will be less pleased to see Mosby on the rampage in Wagadagam Storm colours.

The 31-year-old Mosby told *The Koori Mail* he was looking forward to appearing for Wagadagam Storm.

"They have already organised my airfare and I will be there for sure," he said.

Mosby said his team-mate from Cairns and Bamaga – Noel Underwood – as well as star lock Bruce Joseph would be in the



Former National Rugby League fullback David Peachey played in the 2009 Reconciliation Carnival at Rockhampton. He wore the colours of the Central Queensland Warriors (Woorabinda).

Wagadagam Storm side.

Between 16 and 18 sides will compete at Rockhampton in a carnival won last year by Cherbourg, who will almost certainly not have the services of star South Sydney NRL halfback Chris Sandow.

Crafty Sandow was in the Cherbourg side which played in

the Cairns carnival, but with the NRL season to start soon after, he may not be allowed to play for his beloved community.

Palm Island side Skipjacks is another of the confirmed teams and is being organised by Palm Island league stalwarts Alex Morgan and Ben Kennedy.

The team recently won the Bill

Coolburra Shield, winning from Army Thunder in the second annual Reconciliation game at Townsville.

Another Townsville-based team – Walkabouts – also look set to compete, with organiser Ashley Saltner telling *The Koori Mail* on 10 December that it was a sure thing.

1961 Bay Sheffield winner inducted into hall of fame

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL sprinter Ken Hampton has been inducted into the Bay Sheffield Hall of Fame.

The induction took place just before the running of the 123rd annual event,

which was held at Colley Reserve in the seaside suburb of Glenelg, on 27-28 December.

Research confirms that Hampton, who became a community leader and Anglican deacon, was born on 3 December 1935. He was a member of Alawa people from the Roper River area in the Northern Territory.

Taken from his family at the age of three, he lived in children's homes at Mulgoa and Mount Wilson, (NSW), and at St Francis House, Semaphore, in Adelaide.

Educated at Le Fevre Boys' Technical High, Hampton was schoolboy athletics champion and coached by South Australian athletics identity Sam Clifton

to victory in the 1961 Bay Sheffield race.

He won the 1961 130-yard event in an impressive time of 12.4 seconds, off a handicap of 7.5 yards.

"Ken Hampton is highly regarded by the South Australian Athletics League and the people associated with the Bay Sheffield," SA Athletics League vice-president Colin Rowston said.

"Not only was he a tremendous runner, he was a strong statesman for his people, achieving a lot.

"It was terrific to see members of his family down at the festival enjoying his achievements."

While there have been four Indigenous Stawell Gift winners – Bobby Kinnear (1883), Tom Dancey (1910), Lynch Cooper (1928), and Joshua Ross (2004-05) – Hampton is the only Aborigine to take out the Bay Sheffield in its 123-year history.

He also won the Broken Hill and Murray Bridge gifts.

Following his elite running days and after displaying plenty of talent as an Australian rules footballer in rural

competitions, Hampton had a distinguished career in the church and Indigenous affairs.

In 1976 he was appointed as the first Aboriginal Justice of the Peace in South Australia, and he received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 1985.

Appointed a lay chaplain to Aboriginal people in late 1982, he worked with alcoholics and prisoners, and offered pastoral care to Indigenous country people undergoing medical treatment in Adelaide.

Despite having had no formal training, Hampton was made a deacon on December 20 1986 in St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

Hampton was also a member of the Aboriginal executive committee of the Jubilee 150 celebrations, and co-edited *Survival in Our Own Land* (1988) with Christobel Mattingley. The book was a history of Indigenous South Australians.

● The recently retired Joshua Ross came close to being the next Aboriginal sprinter to win a Bay Sheffield, finishing second in the 2004 event.

Indigenous cricket in the spotlight

CRICKET Australia will take a major strategic meeting to the red centre next month when it stages the national Game Development Conference in Alice Springs.

Coinciding with the annual Imparja Cup, the conference will look at ways of increasing participation in Indigenous cricket and examining the linkages of existing player development pathways at State and regional levels.

Queensland will be represented by game development manager Mark McLatchey, who will be making his first trip to Alice Springs.

"It's a great opportunity for the game development staff around the country to increase their familiarity with some of the developments in Indigenous cricket and, from a personal perspective, I will enjoy seeing the action in the Imparja Cup and hopefully see Queensland perform well," McLatchey said.

The conference will also coincide with a meeting of the National Aboriginal and Islander Cricket Advisory Committee.

The Imparja Cup will be held from 8-13 February.

Steeped in history

Wimmera proud of its Indigenous cricket past

PETER ARGENT has found a strong sense of pride about Australia's first touring cricket team – an all-Aboriginal side made up of players from Victoria's Wimmera region.

THE West Wimmera in the 1860s was a cradle for the Aboriginal pioneers of cricket – and home to the players who blazed a trail in the 1868 all-Aboriginal tour of England.

Johnny Mullagh became one of the first heroes of the game.

The story of the evolution of the game from an Indigenous perspective has strong links with the West Wimmera, and the towns and villages in it like Harrow, Edenhope, Aspley, Dergholm, Lake Brigalbert and Mount Talbot.

At the small township of Harrow, to celebrate the achievements of the skill and adaptability of these men, the John Mullagh Cricket Centre was opened in April 2004.

Annual event

An annual cricket match celebrating the Aboriginal cricketers now takes place on Johnny Mullagh Oval during the March long weekend.

As early as 1864, noted local West Wimmera pastoralist Tom Hamilton was educating his Aboriginal staff about the game, and within 12 months an Indigenous team had beaten the European colonists in a match played near Lake Brigalbert.

Encouraged to continue practising, the Aboriginal talents sustained this at Lake Wallace and camped on the river bed.

By March 1866, the Aboriginal team captained by Hamilton was dominating the local competition.

More ambitious plans were afoot as William Hayman co-ordinated a match against the Melbourne Cricket Club on



The Johnny Mullagh statue at the Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre in Harrow.

Boxing Day the following summer.

They also gained the services of Tom Wills, the man regarded as the best cricketer in the colony, to coach the players.

Wills later was recognised as one of the founders of Australian rules football.

He arrived in Edenhope in late 1866.

The side lost its first

preliminary encounter, but were victorious in two other matches, with Mullagh starring with 81 not out in one contest and taking five wickets in the other.

Nervous

At the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), a nervous group of Australian Aboriginal Cricketers (as a flag bearing the initials AAC announced them) in front of a crowd of 8000 were scuttled for 39 in the first innings.

Mullagh, despite having a hand injury, top-scored with 16 and Bullocky made 14.

The MCC scored 101, with Cuzens taking six wickets, while Willis and Mullagh each finished with two scalps.

Wills' Aboriginal XI was more competitive in the second innings, compiling 87, with Mullagh again starring with 33.

While the MCC secured victory, the feedback was the Indigenous cricketers won the hearts of the spectators and sporting critics.

During this period, the WEB Gurnett fiasco, where this

businessman of dubious character proposed a 12-month tour of Sydney and England, was agreed to by Hayman and Wills.

After the cricketers played matches in Collingwood, Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo during January, a farewell appearance was scheduled in early February 1967 at the MCG.

But only a small crowd turned up and the MCC didn't get enough members to make an XI, so a scratch match was arranged.

Attempts were made to prevent the tour to Sydney taking place, but it went ahead and quickly became a farce.

Arrested

On the first day of the opening match against the Albert Cricket Club, Wills and Hayman were arrested for an alleged breach of contract with Gurnett.

The Aborigines had unsuccessful matches in Maitland and Newcastle, and again at the Albert Ground, then in Wollongong and Manly, but were more impressive at the athletic exhibitions afterwards.

Noted performances included Dick-a-dick's 114-yard cricket ball throw, along with his 5ft 4in high jump win. Early in the tour – in Melbourne – Tarpot ran the 100 yards backwards in 14 seconds.

In May, the squad – after making their way back to Melbourne destitute – had a successful athletics meeting

that funded a return to the Western Districts of Victoria.

Charles Lawrence headed a tour of England, which departed from Edenhope on 17 September 1867.

The team stayed in Warrnambool, where it defeated a 16-man local side, with Mullagh again dominating. He scored 48 not out and took ten wickets.

After a rain-interrupted match at Mortlake, this group faced off against Tom Wills and his Corio team.

The group was shipped to Sydney and played four matches, winning the first three convincingly, before being narrowly defeated by the powerful Albert club.

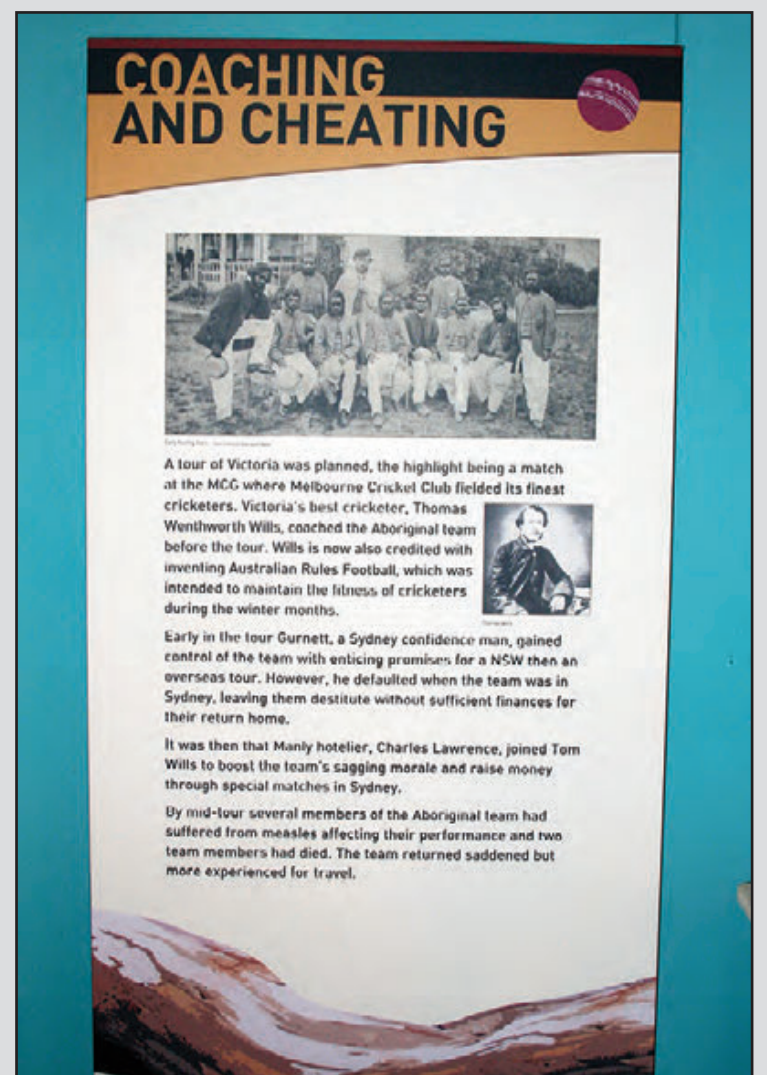
In February 1868, just before the voyage to England, the Aborigines played an Army and Navy team, scoring 237 in a drawn encounter.

Cuzens excelled, taking 8/23 and then scoring a handsome 86.

This 1868 tour has now been etched in history as the first Australian cricket team to travel to England.

They returned to Melbourne in 18 February 1869, having recorded 14 wins and 14 draws, from a 47-game tour.

● Details were compiled with the help of the Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre and Rex Harcourt and John Mulvaney's book *Cricket Walkabout – The Aboriginal Cricketers of the 1860s*.



One of the displays at the Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre tells a story.

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PRIPUMUARRAMAN

DICK-A-DICK
PETER
MULLAGH
CUZENS
SUNDOWN
KING COLE
TIGER
RED CAP
BULLOCKY
MOSQUITO
JIM CROW
TWO PENNY
CHARLEY DUMAS

The plaque showing the names of the All-Aboriginal 1868 touring party to England.

Mills' call-up



INDIGENOUS
Australian guard Patrick Mills finally has been called to the world's biggest basketball stage – the National Basketball Association (NBA) in the United States.

The Canberra point guard was to make his NBA debut with the Portland Trailblazers yesterday (Australian time).

A combination of recent good form for Portland's feeder-team the Idaho Stampede and injuries to the NBA team's roster had Mills promoted to the big time ahead of schedule.

Drafted in June and having missed the first five months with a broken bone in his foot, Mills scored 22 points, including a game-winning basket in the Stampede's 109-108 win over the Reno Bighorns last Sunday week.

That came after a 38-point haul in his professional debut against the Bighorns as the Stampede won 123-109.

That was an average 30 points from two games in the development league, a fact that didn't go unnoticed by Trailblazers head coach Nate McMillan.

"We want to look to get him back," McMillan said after eyeing Mills' outstanding D-League debut, and general manager Kevin Pritchard announced the call-up soon after on the club's web site.

Tenth Aussie

He became the tenth Australian to appear in the NBA.

The injury-ravaged Blazers, 22-13, had climbed to fourth in the Western Conference with eight wins from their past ten starts, but with guard Steve Blake admitted to hospital with pneumonia, the need for Mills became that much more urgent.

Selected with the 55th pick in the 2009 Draft, Mills, who played a week ago last Friday for the first time since his final College game, had been reassigned to the D-League with the Idaho Stampede after missing the opening 33 games of the season while recovering from a foot injury.

Set to follow in the footsteps of Luc Longley (Minnesota, Chicago, Phoenix, New York), Andrew Gaze (Washington, San Antonio), Mark Bradtke (Philadelphia), Shane Heal (Minnesota, San Antonio), Chris Anstey (Dallas, Chicago), Andrew Bogut (Milwaukee), Luke Schenscher (Chicago, Portland), Nathan Jawai (Toronto, Minnesota) and David Andersen (Houston) in the show, Mills became only the third Australian behind Bogut and Schenscher not to play in the NBL before making



Patrick Mills in action for St Mary's during his college days in the United States.

the national association.

Mills' career was set back when he fractured his right foot during an NBA Summer League practice session last July. He underwent surgery on 13 July and recently completed a successful rehabilitation.

A two-year contributor at St Mary's (CA), Mills twice earned First Team All-West Coast Conference. Named West Coast Conference Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, Mills was also selected to the Naismith

Trophy Award Mid-Season Top-30 list during his sophomore season.

Mills averaged a team-high 14.2 points to go with 2.2 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.7 steals in 23 minutes for Australia at the Beijing Olympics becoming the youngest player in Australian history to compete at the Olympic Games in basketball.

Mills now is tasting the fruits of his labour, having joined team-mates on a private jet to

go on his first NBA roadtrip.

When he found out he could have 'pretty much anything you desire', his request drew a few strange looks from his more seasoned Portland Trail Blazer team-mates.

"Strawberry milk, that's the first thing I ask for when I get on there," Mills told his home-town *Sunday Canberra Times*.

"There's about 30 or 40 people that travel with us, including all the players.

"It's a nice jet, it's luxury.

There's a lot of space, a few flat-screen televisions with lounges and it beats first class, that's for sure.

"There's five or six stewardesses that do everything for you, they get you pretty much anything you desire and that is strange, but you've still got to do the little things so you don't get caught up in it all."

Mills' parents Benny and Yvonne flew to Portland to spend Christmas with their son.

— AAP and other sources

NRL All Stars coach Wayne Bennett wants strategy to...

Stop the centres



RUGBY league coach Wayne Bennett hopes Matt Cooper, Gareth Ellis and Kurt Gidley are voted on to the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars team he will prepare for

the game against the All Star Indigenous side. Fans get to pick 16 players – one from each NRL club – for Bennett's 20-man squad to play the pre-season clash at Skilled Park on 13 February against a powerful combination containing the likes of Greg Inglis, Johnathan Thurston and Justin Hodges.

Bennett has shortlisted 64 players, four from each club, for fans to choose from.

And although he has no direct say in who is selected, the veteran St George-Illawarra mentor has his own ideas about who should line up alongside the four nominated automatic choices – Darren Lockyer, Benji Marshall, Adam Blair and Cameron Smith.

Asked in a live blog on the NRL website to name the one player he would pick if given the chance, Bennett plumped for Dragons centre Cooper.

"The centres will have to pick up Hodges and Inglis and he is one of the best defensive centres in the game," Bennett said.

Support for Gidley

The coaching great also nominated Englishman Ellis and NSW skipper Gidley as players he would like to see in his squad.

"I hope Kurt gets picked – he's ideal for this game, adding to the balance of the team," he said.

"He can play anywhere and we'll need guys like him. He'll get plenty of playing time."

Ellis, who enjoyed a successful first season in the NRL last year, is named alongside Robbie Farah, Chris Lawrence and Tim Moltzen as the Wests Tigers' nominations.

Voters have until midnight (AEDT) on 29 January to make their selections at www.nrl.com/allstars

The Indigenous All Star team has already been named. It oozes class, especially in the back line, with players of the calibre of Inglis and Hodges in the centres, backed up by halves



Greg Inglis (above) and Justin Hodges (below). They will make a lethal pairing in the centres for the Indigenous All Stars.



Preston Campbell, Johnathan Thurston, Scott Prince and Jamie Soward, and three-quarters Jharal Yow Yeh, Yileen Gordon, Nathan Merritt, Jamal Idris and Wendell Sailor, who will be playing his last game of rugby league.

The Indigenous All Stars players are approaching the game as if it was a State of Origin match. Many of them have spoken of their pride at being selected and representing their mob.

The Indigenous team is: Carl Webb, Cory Patterson, Daine Laurie, George Rose, Greg Inglis, Jamal Idris, Jamie Soward, Jharal Yow Yeh, Joel Thompson, Johnathan Thurston, Justin Hodges, Nathan Merritt, P J Marsh, Preston Campbell (c), Sam Thaiday, Scott Prince, Tom Learoyd-Lahs, Travis Waddell, Wendell Sailor and Yileen Gordon.

The Indigenous team will be coached North Queensland's Neil Henry.

– Graham Hunt with AAP

Rush for All Stars jumpers

MAKERS of the Indigenous All Stars jersey for next month's rugby league clash against the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars say they are hard-pressed keeping up with orders.

Gold Coast sportswear manufacturer company KooGa is making the jumper at its Labrador outlet.

KooGa says it has received

an unprecedented rush of demand for the one-off jersey, with orders outstripping what most club jerseys sell in a year.

KooGa's Shannon Moore said the demand had caught the business by surprise.

"We have some pretty top-end football clubs on our books (including Melbourne Storm, Newcastle Knights and Queensland Reds) but nothing

has compared to this," he said.

"Even Melbourne in grand final week wasn't this strong."

KooGa employs more than 50 staff and fills orders for teams in the National Rugby League, Australian Football League and rugby union's Super 14.

The Indigenous All Stars will play the NRL All Stars at Skilled Park on 13 February.

A 2007 file picture of Jesse Williams.



Our Jesse the only Aussie in World team



INDIGENOUS player Jesse Williams is the only Australian in a World American football (gridiron)

team to play against 45 of the best high school seniors in the United States on 30 January.

Williams, from Brisbane, plays in the defensive line with Arizona Western College.

He first played American football as a junior in Brisbane with the Bayside Ravens, then represented the Queensland Sun Devils State team.

"I look forward to the experience of playing in front of a much larger crowd than I'm used to and to show the world that Indigenous Australians can play the game physically," said Williams.

Williams' Aboriginal descendants are from the Wuthathi tribe and Seven Rivers people in far north Queensland and his Torres Strait Islander descendants are from Moa Island and Thursday Island. His great grandfather is a Torres Strait Island Elder.

World team head coach Jan Jenmert and his coaching staff have selected 43 players from eight countries and four continents to face USA Football's

junior national team at Lockhart Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, on 30 January.

The game will match an eventual 45-man World team composed of the best players aged 19 and under selected from International Federation of American Football (IFAF) member countries against 45 of the top high school seniors from the United States.

The World team roster is comprised of players representing American Samoa (2), Australia (1), Canada (31), France (1), Germany (1), Japan (3), Mexico (1) and Sweden (3), who were selected from a provisional list of 100 players nominated by IFAF federations. They will practise nine times while in Fort Lauderdale from 24-29 January.

"Selecting only 45 players from the list of quality players who were recommended is a difficult task, but I believe we have assembled a balanced group who will be competitive," said coach Jenmert, who is also head coach of the Sweden junior national team.

Williams will anchor the World team's defensive line.

● More information can be found at the event website www.USAvWorld.com/2010 and at www.IFAF.org



Four Indigenous sportsmen make top ten lists

FOUR Indigenous sportsmen are named in a series of 'top tens' compiled by news agency AAP for the year 2009.

Greg Bird gets a mention among the 'top ten with a point to prove'.

The news agency said: "His lengthy court battle won on appeal, the ex-Shark resumes his NRL career at the Gold Coast, having owned a Test jumper before being charged with glassing his girlfriend."

Basketballer **Patty Mills** is listed in the 'ten to look out for'.

"The all-action point guard is one of four Aussies now playing their

trade in the NBA. Will also be a key member of the Boomers' squad chasing an elusive first medal at the world championships in Turkey in September," AAP said.

There are two Indigenous sportsmen – **Wendell Sailor** and **Koori Mail** columnist **Michael 'Magic' O'Loughlin** – in the top ten AAP says will be missed.

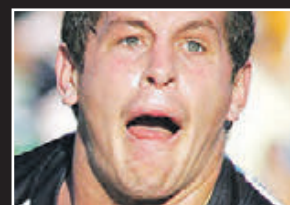
On Sailor, it says: "One of rugby league's most loved players completed his comeback from drugs suspension to end his career on his own terms. Fans will miss his hulking frame lurking down the

sideline and his one-liners in equal measure."

The news agency said the Sydney Swans lost a swag of old stagers in 2009, 'but the departure of Magic will be felt more deeply than any other'.

"He leaves Sydney as the AFL club's games record holder, a premiership hero and the full-forward in the Indigenous Team of the Century," AAP said.

● RIGHT: Clockwise from top left, Greg Bird, Patty Mills, Michael O'Loughlin and Wendell Sailor.



Hey Presto, too bad you're too good Qld bombshell

By GRAHAM HUNT



PRESTON WHITE, who almost single-handedly won the Imparja Cup for Queensland last year, is a notable omission from the Queensland team to defend the cup in Alice Springs next month.

White destroyed Tasmania in the 2009 final, scoring 101 runs in 103 minutes off 110 balls, and then claiming 4/15 as Tasmania collapsed to be all out for 115 in reply to Queensland's 4/202 from 40 overs. White's century included five fours and six sixes.

Selectors apparently think it's time for White, who plays grade cricket in Brisbane, to move to a higher level, and they have decided to give another youngster a chance to prove himself at Imparja Cup level.

A Queensland Cricket official told *The Koori Mail* the Imparja Cup had been a great stepping stone for White, but the former Rockhampton left-arm bowler and right-hand batsman needed to take the next step in his crickering career.

Young and old

In the meantime, Queensland will call on some old hands and some rising talent to spearhead its 2010 Imparja Cup title defence.

The team includes the experienced quartet of Keith Charles, Nigel Beer, Ashley Renouf and Jacob Sarra, as well as teenagers Trent Clemments, rising star Hayden Busk, and leg-spinner Chris Swain.

Making their debut for Queensland will be Michael Prien (Townsville) and Busk (Rockhampton Norths), while Sarra, a long-time Queensland Indigenous representative, will be attending his first carnival.



● LEFT and RIGHT: Preston White in action for Queensland in the Imparja Cup final last year against Tasmania at Traeger Park, Alice Springs. White scored a dashing century and took 4/15 to almost single-handedly demolish Tasmania.



Charles, a Queensland Country player in 2005, will return to the Imparja Cup after a year off.

Cairns all-rounder Barry Weare will be the co-coach of the side, along with current Australian Indigenous coach Michael Mainhardt.

Weare and fellow North Queenslander Glen Martin are in the Queensland Country Brahmans team now contesting the national country championships in Albury-Wodonga (See Page 72).

Wynnum-Manly all-rounder Cameron Trask, a member of the Australian Indigenous team that toured England during the winter, will captain the side for the first time.

Trask, teenage batsman Trent Clemments (who will be in action in the

New Year for the Queensland under-17 team) and leg-spinner Chris Swain were members of the Australian touring team that traced the footsteps of the original Aboriginal side of 1868, the first international cricket team to play for Australia.

Queensland has won the past two Imparja Cup titles and five of the past six championships.

The Imparja Cup will be held from 8-13 February 2010.

The Queensland team is: Cameron Trask (Wynnum-Manly) (c) Nigel Beer (Norths – Mackay) Hayden Busk (Norths – Rockhampton), Trent Clemments (West – Townsville) Keith Charles (Oakley) Ben Mainhardt (Northern Suburbs)

Michael Prien (Wanderers – Townsville), Ashley Renouf (Maryborough) Jacob Sarra (Ipswich) Michael Strange (Northern Suburbs) Bradley Stout (Norths – Townsville) Chris Swain (Northern Suburbs) Mark Thompson (Toombul) Michael Mainhardt (Coach, Northern Suburbs) Barry Weare (Coach) Mark Dagleish (Umpire)

● Meanwhile, the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI team to play the Queensland Academy of Sport in their annual clash on 5 February at Allan Border Field, Brisbane, will be announced mid-January.

White is expected to be named in that team.

● Vince Copley's cricket contribution recognised – P74